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Crime statistics show varied results

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An update of the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Crime Statistics Act shows that there has been a significant increase of aggravated assaults and a significant decrease of burglaries in the past year.

There were 12 incidents of aggravated assault in 2003, according to the report. Statistics show that the number of aggravated assaults jumped 67 percent since then. The stats include all incidents that have occurred up to Sept. 27, 2005.

Nai Saechew, a senior, said that he is not concerned about the increase of aggravated assaults, but he doesn't feel completely safe on campus.

"I think the campus needs more lighting. I'm always afraid of being attacked by a bum at night when walking to my car," Saechew said.

Most of the aggravated assaults in the past year have occurred on public property, defined as the "university neighborhood," including streets, sidewalks, parking lots and parks, within or near the campus.

The increase of aggravated assaults does bring some concern to the campus community.

Alvin Johnson, a senior majoring in health science, said that he is not concerned for himself but he is for others. "It makes me concerned for my girlfriend, but for me individually I can handle my own," Johnson said.

This would include the two separate cases of assault of this semester where one male student was left with serious injuries after being struck in the face with a textbook, and another male student was left with minor injuries after he was robbed of his bike and wallet.

The number of burglaries has significantly -

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CLERY ACT STATISTICS

- Twelve incidents of aggravated assault in 2003; in 2005 this jumped 67 percent
- Burglaries dropped from 514 incidents in 2003 to 117 incidents in 2004
- Number of arrests for drug violations nearly doubled from 2003 to 2004
- No reports of non-forcible sex offenses in the past three years

SPEED OF LIGHT



SEAN HOGAN/STATE HORNET

Commuters boarding the light rail on 65th Street on Monday could have additional transportation options to get to Sacramento State in two years if funding is secured for a project that would include a light-rail extension and a track around campus.

Project would bring light rail to campus

JESSICA WEIDLING
State Hornet

Commuter relief may be speeding its way to campus in less than two years.

A proposed public transportation project would entail a 65th Street light-rail extension that would loop around Sacramento State's campus and stop at stations every five minutes, said Matt Altier, executive director of University Enterprises, Inc. Sac State's non-profit business entity.

University Enterprises hopes the project will entice riders as an easy, convenient and comfortable alternative to driving.

"We're trying to create a greener environment and encourage people to ride public transportation," Altier said.

The system is called Bus Rapid Transit even though it won't look anything like a traditional bus.

Instead, the design will resemble a "European-style bullet train" and will glide on a separate set of rubber tracks to shuttle commuters to and from campus, Altier said.

To move ahead with the project, University Enterprises must first obtain a grant from the Sacramento Area Council of Governments for funding.

Nancy Kays, senior planner for the council, said the type of grant that University Enterprises will be applying for is highly competitive and gives $12 million to projects chosen in Yolo, Sacramento, Yuba and Sutter counties.

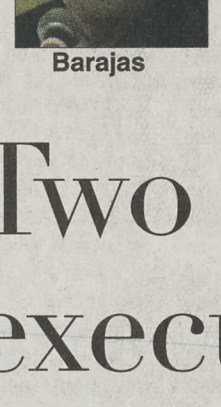
"The purpose of the grant is to provide incentives for smart growth," Kays said.

Kays said that projects are reviewed based on their quality of design, possi-

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"We're trying to create a greener environment and encourage people to ride public transportation."

Matt Altier
executive director,
University Enterprises



The Associated Students Inc. board of directors, under President Angel Barajas, voted to delay appointments to the vacant executive positions.

Barajas

Two ASI executive positions still open

JESSICA WEIDLING
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Executive vice president and vice president of finance positions in Associated Students Inc. were not filled by Oct. 5, despite President Angel Barajas' pledge to do so.

A decision was made late Oct. 4 to delay the board member appointments because more applicants than expected are vying for the spots, Barajas said.

Barajas told board members, "I would like to take my time with the applications because we have many strong candidates."

Barajas suggested legislation to appoint two current board members to temporarily fill the positions.

If the legislation passes today, Director of Business Angela Arriola would assume the vice president of finance position; and Vice President of University Affairs Christine Hopkins would take over the executive vice president tasks.

The interim candidates will take on extra responsibility for a two-week period. Barajas said he will announce permanent candidates for the two positions on Oct. 19, and they will be up for board approval on Oct. 26.

Robbie Abelon, a junior government-history major, who recently spent three weeks in Baton Rouge, La., volunteering for the American Red Cross, said he is considering applying for the executive vice president position now that the deadline has been extended.

As of Monday night, Barajas said there are three candidates running for each position. He has set a Friday deadline for all applicants.

Abelon ran on the Access slate in last spring's elec-

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Campus to add new eateries

NIKA MEGINO
State Hornet

Campus dining will receive a lift in food variety and comfort level with the university's plans to open new dining services and provide additional seating in the University Union.

Two additional restaurants have already opened on campus this semester and two more are scheduled to open sometime between late fall and spring.

Saigon Bay, a restaurant that will feature Vietnamese food, Asian-French sandwiches and Asian-style beverages, will be located at the Outpost café. Saigon Bay is scheduled to open sometime between late this semester and early spring.

A fifth Java City location is also scheduled to open around the same time. The new location will be at the breezeway of the library.

University Enterprises, Inc. has played a key role in keeping a variety of dining services on campus. Matt Altier, vice president for Planning and Resource Development and executive director of University Enterprises, said that the corporation tries to provide a mix of different types of restaurants.

"We try to keep a balance of different restaurants," Altier said. "We try to get the kind of food people want and provide a mixture of fast food and restaurant-style dining."

Stephanie Ewing, a registered dietitian in dining service, said the dining locations on campus serve a wide array of food, from grab-and-go items to a full-service restaurant.

Christopher Berry, a business major, said that the variety has been good on campus, but that the addition of Saigon Bay will bring even more variety.

"I think it would be great if they added a Vietnamese restaurant on campus," Berry said. "It'll be something different."

The process of bringing the variety, Altier said,

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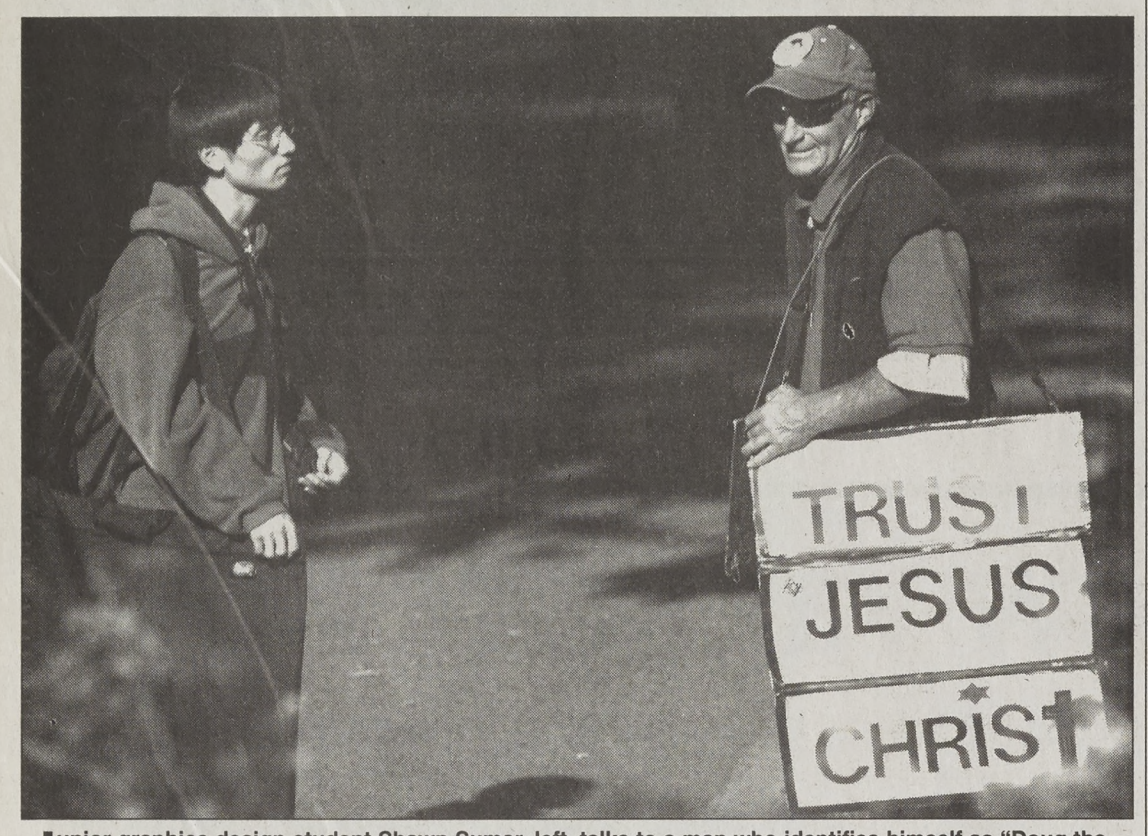
SQUAT TEAM

After seeing a man squat and stare at a sign for more than an hour, petitioner Edward Jefferson called University Police to the walkway outside the University Union on Monday. "No man can squat like that, for that long, and not feel any pain in the body," Jefferson said.

–Mikhail Chernyavsky

SEAN HOGAN HORNET PHOTOGRAPHER

A 'WANDERING' SOUL



Junior graphics design student Shawn Sumar, left, talks to a man who identifies himself as "Doug the Wandering Evangelist" on Thursday. "Capitalism is the biggest religion in the world," Doug said.

ANDREW NIXON HORNET PHOTOGRAPHER

ASI: Abelon weighs pros, cons

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tion and won the unopposed vice president of Academic Affairs position. However, he stepped down from the post when his GPA didn't meet ASI standards and Oscar Mendoza was appointed in his place.

Abelon said his grades are now up to par and has been encouraged to apply for the executive vice president position by current board members and his former running mates on the Access slate.

"I think it would be a good fit," said Abelon, who is working to catch up with missed classes and is weighing the pros and cons of jumping back into the ASI scene.

Even if he applied, Abelon said he is sure the process will be competitive because he would be competing against other qualified candidates.

In the meantime, Hopkins, who has already taken over many of the executive vice president roles, will continue to conduct board meetings and will head the DOC/SEL Committee, which allocates money for clubs. If the legislation passes, she may also be the permanent vice chair of the committee.

Arriola will help run the Finance and Budget Committee during her two-week stint as the vice president of finance.

"I don't mind taking on the extra responsibility for two weeks – but it's with the understanding that the position will be filled by the 26th," Arriola said.

The Oct. 26 date will mark a six-week vacancy period for both positions.

The positions were originally announced empty when James Shelby II, former executive vice president, and Julio Velazquez, former vice president of finance, resigned before an ASI meeting held outside in the Library Quad on Sept. 14.

Velazquez never gave a public reason for his resignation, but Shelby cited family reasons brought on by the devastation of Hurricane Katrina.

Another deciding factor in Shelby's decision to leave ASI were concerns about recent actions taken by Student Affairs at Sac State and the department's treatment of students and staff members, Shelby said.

Shelby said that since he couldn't use ASI as an effective vehicle to affect change, he wanted to confront the issue as a student.

Barajas denied to comment about specific applicants for the vacant positions, but said he will make sure to appoint only the most qualified individuals to the positions of executive vice president and vice president of finance.

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Campus Police Log

Sept. 30

Theft – PUBLIC SERVICES BUILDING - Victim reported on Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. that an unknown person removed sunglasses from their book bag. The sunglasses were valued at $75.

Oct. 2

Burglary – PARKING STRUCTURE – A woman reported that she parked her car in Parking Structure I and when she returned her car was broken into.

Disturbing the peace – PARKING STRUCTURE – Person states that four to five people in a white pick-up truck were using profanities and that subjects were yelling at the junior college all-star game in progress.

Staff member sees new Iran on return

HORNET STAFF

Baham Fozouni, coordinator of the Sacramento State government department's International Affairs Graduate Program, visited Iran this year; he found things to be drastically different from his visit two years ago.

"It was like day and night in how they dressed," said Fozouni, who was born and raised in Iran. "Girls in makeup, with their faces in plain view."

Fozouni credits this change, and others, to Mohammed Khatomi, the former president of Iran, and the topic of a Friday afternoon forum in the Hinde Auditorium in the University Union.

The discussion, which attracted more than 100 attendees, is part of a weekly forum that is sponsored by the Renaissance Society, a partnership between Sacramento's retirement community and the capital campus.

NEWS BRIEFS

Violence combatted

The second annual International Dialogue on Violence Against Women is 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Oct. 14-15 in the University Union Redwood Room. The Community Action at Work, a two-day conference, will focus on human trafficking issues. Breakfast will be served Friday and lunch will be served Saturday.

The Women's Resource Center and Sacramento Women Take Back The Night present the conference. The cost for two days is $50 general and $15 for students and seniors. For attending one day the cost is $30 general and $10 for students and seniors. Tickets are available at the Sac State Ticket office at (916) 278-4323.

Campus speakers

This week's Renaissance Society Forum welcomes the Executive Editor of the Sacramento Bee, Rick Rodriguez. Rodriguez will be discussing "What is the future of American Newspapers? What happens to Freedom of Information, Freedom of the Press?" The forum will be held in the union's Hinde Auditorium.

▸ Former Republic of Botswana President Ketumile Masire is giving a lecture on "Contemporary Issues in African Development" at 3 p.m. Oct. 18, in the University Ballroom. Seating begins at 2:30 p.m.

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Exhibit brings history of eugenics to campus

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Carrie Buck, of Charlottesville, Va., was 17 years old and already had a child when the doctors of the Virginia Colony for the Epileptic and Feebleminded picked her for sterilization, according to an article by Professor Paul Lombardo of the University of Virginia.

Buck was the perfect candidate: She gave birth to a daughter, Vivian, out of wedlock, just as her mother Emma did for her; both Emma and Carrie had traits of "feeblemindedness and sexual promiscuity."

The doctors at the Colony failed to note that Carrie had been raped and that her daughter was receiving As and Bs in school.

Buck's case was appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court in the spring of 1927. Chief Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes declared that since all three women possessed a low mentality, Carrie should be sterilized. Holmes' judgment summed up the mission of eugenics and sterilization: "Three generations of imbeciles are enough."

The case Buck vs. Bell was one of the main topics shown in "Human Plants, Human Harvest: The Hidden History of California Eugenics," an exhibit Tuesday at the University Library Gallery.

Kathryn Sylva, an associate professor of the design program at UC Davis, worked with Ralph Brave, a science writer, to put together the history of eugenics and sterilization in California.

Sylva and Brave put together this exhibit to "bring up the topic and to make it more visible to the public," Sylva said.

Eugenics is the applied science of creating better humans "by encouraging the reproduction of 'good' genes and discouraging those with 'bad' genes," according to the Eugenics Archive Web site.

In 1909, California became the third state in the nation to legalize sterilization of the undesirables. Usually people who were sexually promiscuous, alcoholics, epileptics or "morons" could be deemed qualified for sterilization. The public could view the original 1909 bill for sterilizations.

One side of the Gallery was dedicated to the famous leaders of eugenics in California. David Starr Jordan, the first president of Stanford University, and Lewis M. Terman, a professor of psychology at Stanford, both advocated better human reproduction in the Golden State.

Harry Chandler was the publisher of the Los Angeles Times, a big promoter of eugenics and sterilization in the early part of the 20th Century. There were several quotes from Sacramento-native and Sacramento State benefactor Charles M. Goethe.

The public could view rare photos from a state hospital with people who were sterilized. They were also presented with diagrams showing the sterilization operations.

By 1964, over 20,000 people were sterilized in California. However, these operations were continuing into the late 1970s until then-Assemblyman Art Torres of East Los Angeles spoke to a couple women who had gone in for cesarean sections and came out sterilized at East Los Angeles County Hospital.

"I couldn't believe that the state was taking part in this," Torres said, now the Chairman of the California Democratic Party. "It's a very sad part of California history." Torres had authored Assembly Bill 1204, to repeal the 1909 sterilization law in 1979.

Also speaking to the public was Professor Paul Lombardo, the director of the University of Virginia Center for Law and Medicine. He gave a brief history of eugenics and of his part of California's eugenics history.

In March 2003, he received calls from the governor and attorney general's offices asking him to speak to the California State Senate Select Committee on Genetics, Genetic Technology and Public Policy. Three hours after Lombardo spoke to the Legislature for two hours on the state's role in eugenics, Governor Gray Davis formally apologized for the state's mistakes.

This exhibit was particularly poignant today.

"Charles Murray, an author and policy analyst, wrote an article wanting to detect the markers of genes that include race," Brave said.

Rich Hayes, executive director of the Center of Genetics and Society, said, "New technology, if misused, could bring back eugenics."

Some examples he gave were stem-cell research and genetic altering, where corporations are convincing parents to genetically engineer their children. He called the latter "wholesale discrimination."

Newspapers that advocated and supported sterilization 70 years ago, were now admitting that they were wrong and sought amends for their past wrongdoings.

"It was the work of journalists and scholars who wrote apologies and histories of eugenics who really brought up the issue," Lombardo said. "We need to be more aware of history, even all of the bad things that we have done."

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"We're doing a test run (on Web site polls) in reference to the free ridership on Regional Transit."
Patricia Worley, ASI executive director

Web site adds student poll

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New to the Associated Students Inc. Web site is a "quick poll" that assesses students' needs and wants on a particular issue, Patricia Worley, ASI executive director, told board members Wednesday.

"We're doing a test run in reference to the free ridership on Regional Transit," Worley said.

Regional Transit is the topic of the question because it is a significant consideration on the table for ASI right now, Worley said.

The Regional Contract ends on June 30, 2006, and ASI is currently looking into renegotiations.

Worley said she realizes the poll is not purely scientific, but believes it is a good start for questioning Sacramento State students on particular issues.

Homecoming committee congrats

Also at the meeting, legislation was presented to hold a congratulations ceremony honoring the hard work of the 2005 homecoming committee.

"It's so we can bridge the gap between the homecoming committee and the university and cut the red tape," said Curtis Grima, secretary of state and homecoming king.

Grima said he believes the recognition will help the homecoming committee gain campuswide appreciation and will encourage discussion between the committee and the university.

"Hopefully, we can send this to the president and make this committee a university committee," said Hopkins, a member of the homecoming committee.

Legislation proposed

Pedro Remotti, a graduate director, introduced legislation that will try to combat House of Representatives Bill 609, which Remotti said would cut $9 billion from student aid and loan programs.

Together with the Office of Governmental Affairs, Remotti said he wants ASI to contribute to the National Day of Action and Awareness by mobilizing calls and generating media attention.

If approved by the board, the event will be held in the Library Quad on Sept. 19 and will include a call center, various promotions and food.

Arts and letters

Julio Cesar Ortiz, director of arts and letters, authored a board project that would help fund and advertise events put on by the college of arts and letters.

"I want to put money towards what would benefit most students and have the biggest impact," Ortiz said.

Other board members stressed that the legislation, while good intentioned, needs more detailed specifics to before it will pass.

Clifford Hawley, director of natural sciences, told Ortiz to be more specific, "like DOC/SEL stuff where you have to be clear to the letter on what money is going where."

Barajas said that some funding could also come from departments where money is well organized.

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ONLINE
The Associated Students Inc. notebook can be seen online Wednesday nights.

Next meeting

The next board meeting where members will take action on the proposed legislation is Wednesday at 2 p.m. in Foothill Suite.

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Stairway to executive elite

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State Hornet

Adding to an ongoing list of current and proposed advancements for Sacramento State, the university is now offering an Executive Master of Business Administration degree to area professionals looking to increase their edge in the business world.

"The EMBA (Master of Business Administration degree) requires at least three to five years of professional, full time work experience," said Chiang Wang, interim associate dean for graduate and external programs in the College of Business Administration. "Most of the students are managers and we're giving them the opportunity to prepare to move up to the executive level as oppose to remaining functional managers."

The program, offered through Sac State's College of Continuing Education, will also give the university a stronger presence in Placer County. Currently, a bachelor's degree in organizational communication or psychology, along with some upper division general education courses, is being offered at the Roseville Gateway Center, in cooperation with Sierra College.

Roseville's PRIDE Industries will be opening up its facilities for the 36 EMBA students registered for the fall semester.

"The entire program that starts in the fall will remain here throughout the duration of the EMBA program," said Rachele Burton, external affairs manager for PRIDE Industries. "We have hosted classes and training courses before, but nothing this large and for this duration of time."

Sanjay Varshney, dean of the College of Business Administration, was instrumental in setting up the classroom space with PRIDE Industries CEO Mike Ziegler, Burton said.

The program is cohort based, meaning a group of students start at the same time and location take the same courses and finish together. And by utilizing classroom space across the region, the university is attempting to make it easier for working individuals to obtain an EMBA.

"We are bringing the programs to the community to make it convenient for the students," Wang said.

Individuals applying for the spring semester will be taking courses at Intel Corp. in Folsom.

"This is actually something very new for us," said Leroy J. Tripette, education relations manager at Intel. "We aren't really designed for external classrooms but one of the things that we try to be is a great asset to our community. We don't just work in our community, we work for it."

And in its effort to increase learning in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM), Intel is working with Sac State, UC Davis and K-12 schools in the greater Sacramento area.

The spring EMBA classes at Intel will not only assist in its STEM initiative but will also support Sac State in its goal of providing a high quality program that will be the first choice of potential students and local companies.

"This will be a good benefit for our employees and a huge benefit to the community," Tripette said. "We had about 130 Intel employees attend an information session on the EMBA program and I am expecting several employees to enroll."

While Sac State's current MBA program turns out graduates ready for management, the new program will enable area professionals to become even tougher competitors in the global market, Wang said.

"A regular MBA is to be a problem solver," he said. "The EMBA is to be a strategic thinker, to go beyond your functional areas and think globally."

Traditionally, the MBA has been the top level of education for business executives and could be completed in a two-year program. Now, with a changing economy and global market, the MBA faces some modification.

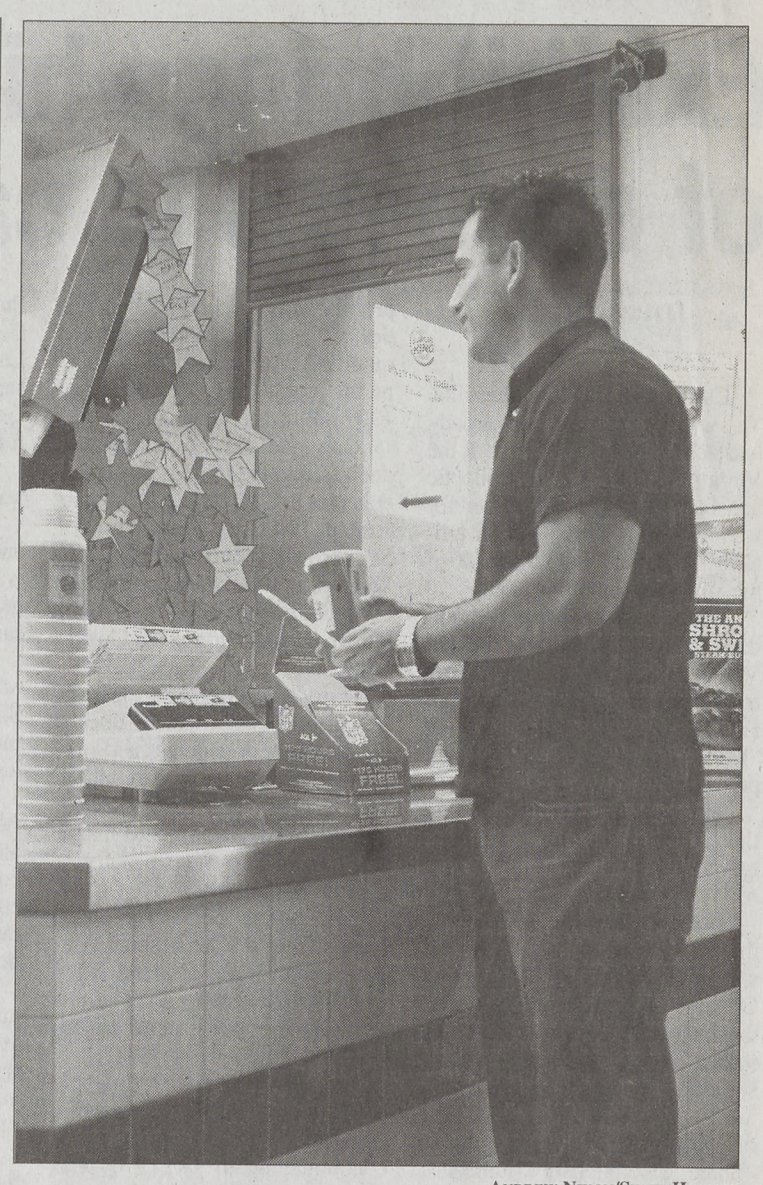
The new EMBA program at Sac State gives students the opportunity to attend classes during non-work hours, including some evenings of telecommuting. In the past, MBA students continued on with two years of full time course work after obtaining a bachelor's degree.

Now, students can attend classes part time, complete the course work in 12 months and the entire program in 15 months, according to the College of Continuing Education.

The total program price for the 2005-06 academic year is $25,000, plus the $55 application fee.

For more information on the executive Master of Business Administration degree at Sac State, visit www.emba.csus.edu.

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Associated Students Inc. President Angel Barajas orders food from Burger King in the University Union.

DINING: Lines could shorten

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can differ with each company. Some companies contact University Enterprises to open up a branch on campus, and sometimes the corporation asks restaurants to come.

"Sometimes the space the company needs is something we cannot provide," Altier said. In cases such as this, the company can put capital investment into the project to match their needs, and the investments determine the company's rent price on campus.

The contracts with the new restaurants can last anywhere from three to 10 years, Altier said.

Eateries that come on campus usually break even financially, Altier said. Some of the money goes back to University Enterprises but it usually results in a break-even-style business.

The addition of new dining services and knowing how to order in advance may also help relieve long lines. Approximately 25,000 to 28,000 Sac State customers are served each day.

"During rush hour, the lines are horrible," Berry said.

Ewing said that the lines do vary with each location and during different time periods throughout the day.

But the companies have methods of easing the lines. Togo's has pre-made sandwiches and salads. They also have a system where customers can call or fax orders in advance.

Java City also has pre-made sandwiches and salads. Burger King offers an express window with a limited menu. Round Table Pizza has an express lunch. Gordito Burrito and Da Deli have employees taking the customers' orders while in line to lessen the wait.

The Kung Fu Fat's and Mother India location have entrees already cooked and available. The Dining Commons, near the dormitories, offers an all-you-can-eat buffet that is open to all students.

"Each dining operation is designed to move the customers through as quickly as possible while maintaining all food quality and food safety standards," Ewing said.

Plans for additional seating at the union are being processed. The decision of adding seating to the union was through an e-mail survey that was sent out a few years back, said Don Tucker, associate director of operations at the University Union.

"The No. 1 problem that was identified was seating for dining," Tucker said. "We took this information and presented it to the University Union Board of Directors, a student majority board that makes policies for the Student University Union."

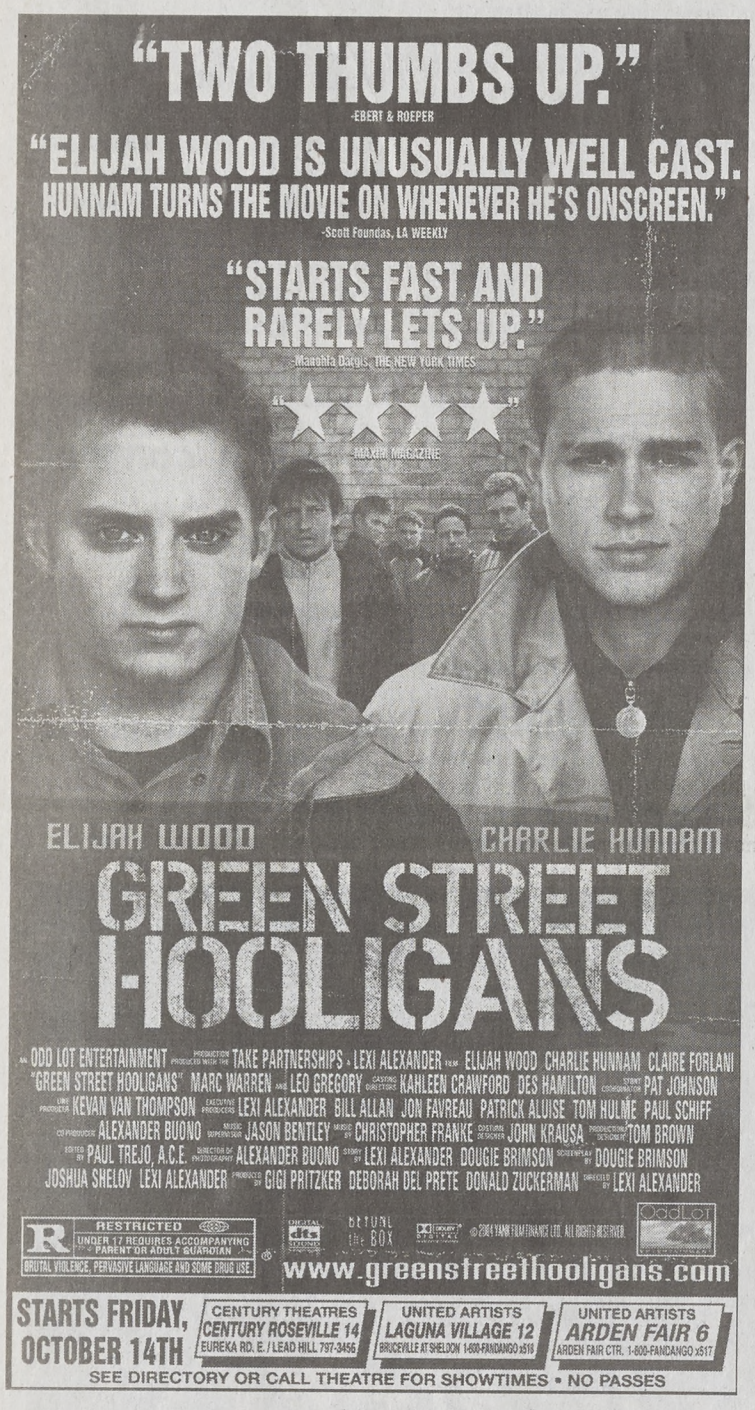
Tucker explained that there are two phases of the additional seating. The first is to provide more outdoor seating, which will all be covered either with solid covers or trellises, along the east walkway adjacent to Serna Plaza.

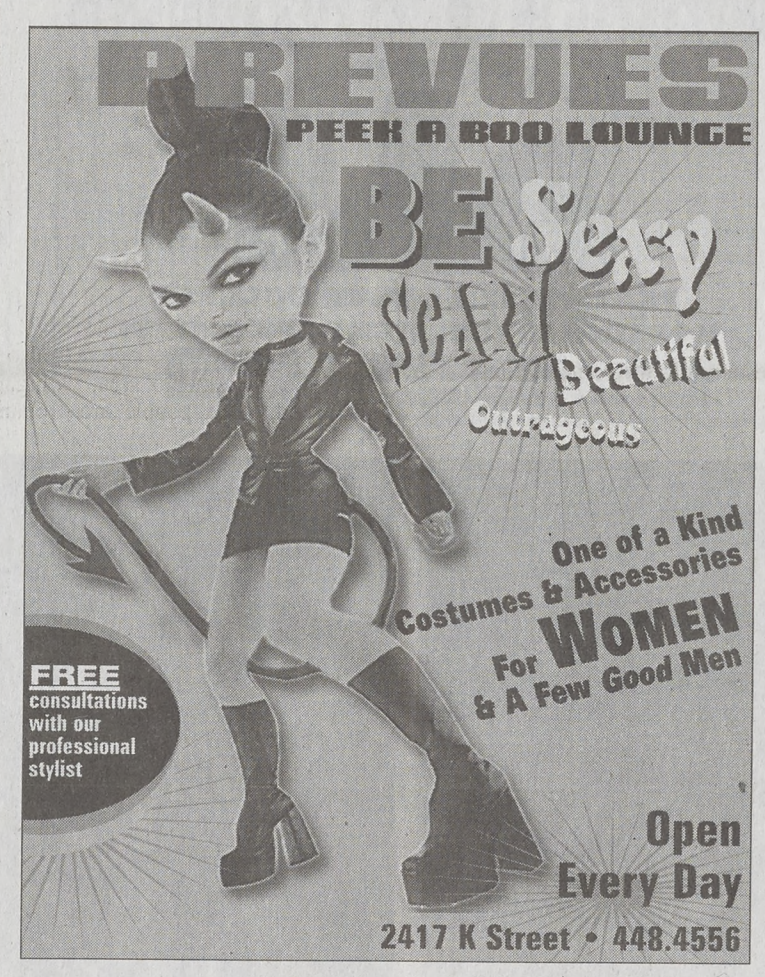
This project will add about 150 seats. The plans are going out to bid Thursday. Construction is scheduled to begin in late October and be completed in about two months.

The second phase of the project, scheduled to begin two or three years from now, will provide more indoor seating. The plan is to convert the union's Redwood Room into an indoor dining area, which would provide 200 more seats.

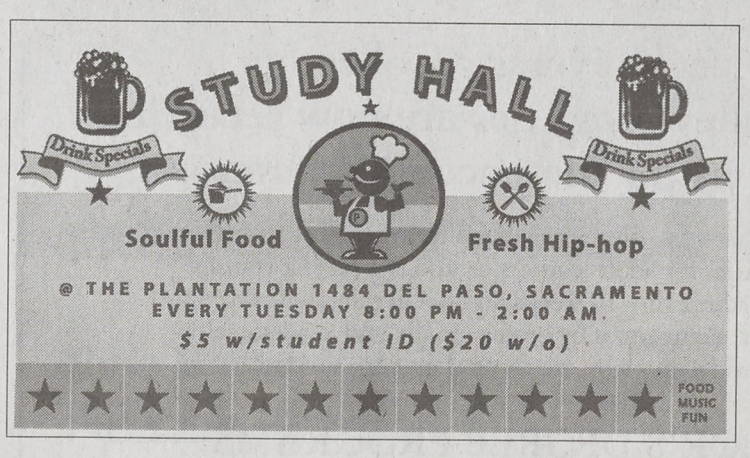
Tucker said the cost of construction for the additional seating is paid for with student fees. The price of the construction for the outdoor seating will be decided when the plans go out to bid.

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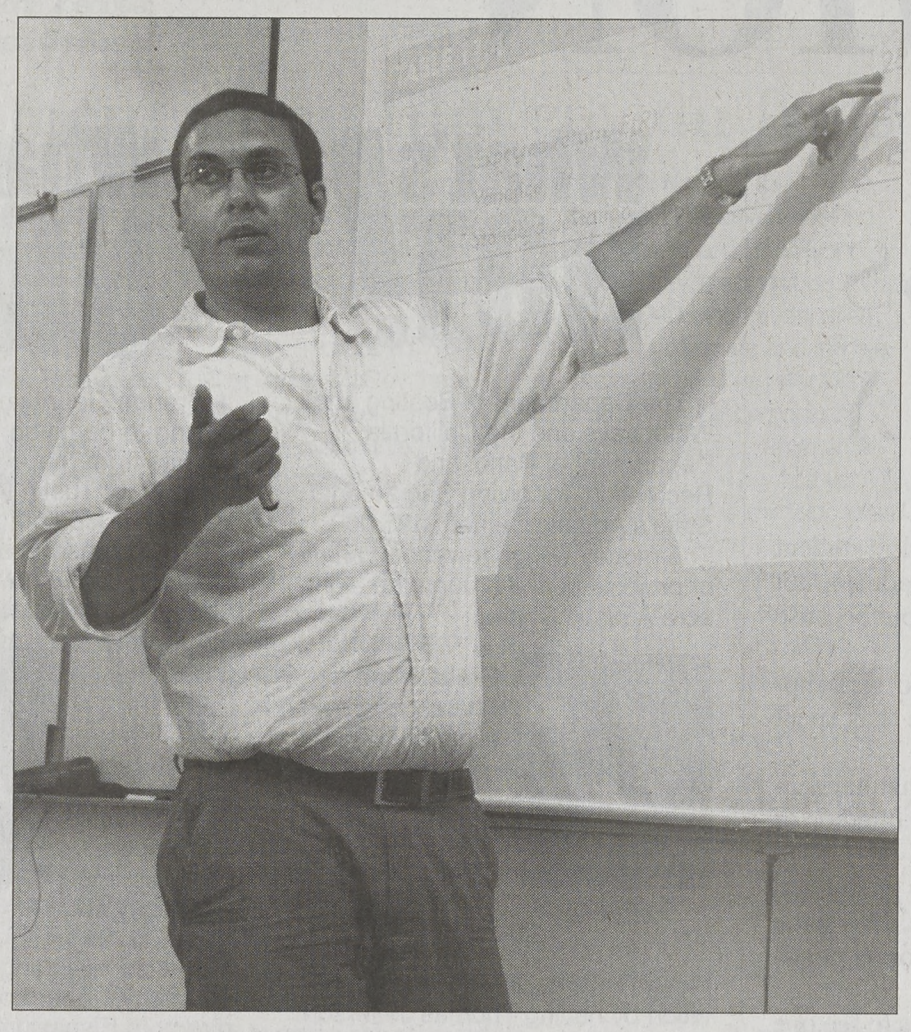








FACULTY PROFILES



Assistant Professor Denver Travis will earn his doctorate in finance from the University of Kentucky. He said he finds Sacramento State students to be motivated and eager to learn.

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Kentucky grad 4 months away from his doctorate

Assistant professor finds students 'motivated, interested in learning'

JAMIE GONZALES
State Hornet

Denver Travis, a new assistant professor in the Department of Management, is less than four months away from achieving his doctorate in finance from the University of Kentucky.

He and his wife were living in Cadiz, Ky., when Travis received a call from Sacramento State and went before the Financial Management Association hiring committee.

"Travis was a good fit with the requirements that we were looking for in teachers," said Herbert Blake Jr., chairman of the Department of Management.

After he received his B.A. in chemical engineering in 2001, Travis began to teach finance courses. He continued to teach at the University of Kentucky while earning his M.A. in economics in 2003.

"I always loved math, both researching and teaching it," Travis said. "The students here are motivated and interested in learning."

There are a few cultural differences between California and Kentucky. Travis said that Sacramento is much slower-paced than in Lexington, Ky.

"Sacramento has the benefit of having a better freeway system," Travis said. "Over in Lexington, there are fewer highways, so the driving experience is worse.

"There's just a certain good feeling to Sacramento. Everyone's happy and friendly. There's also an amazing cultural diversity here."

Fellow finance professor, Ralph Pope, has been impressed with his new colleague.

"Denver is scholarly, intelligent and very easy-going," Pope said.

When Travis is not working at Sac State, he spends his time with his wife kayaking at the river or bicycling along the bike trails.

He and his wife also like to travel either to San Francisco or to the foothills. They have yet to, but would like to go to Napa Valley to do some wine tasting.

Travis and his wife also like Asian culture and philosophy. He has learned Aikido, a Japanese martial art, and is now interested in trying some martial arts from the Philippines.

"It's great fun, exercise and useful knowledge for self-defense," Travis said.

While teaching at Sac State, Travis will be continuing to research interest rates in the financial market and derivatives.

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Hiring board impressed by teacher's experience

Vygodina spends free time backpacking

JAMIE GONZALES
State Hornet

The Department of Management has two new professors to add to its faculty list this semester.

Anna Vygodina is a quiet woman from Nebraska with a slight, but clear Russian accent.

Vygodina received her B.A. at University of Nebraska, Omaha. She spent 10 years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she worked to earn her M.A., taught and worked on her research.

"I like the ... area. The people are friendly here."

Anna Vygodina, new teacher

She finally received her M.A. in August 2005, when she received a call from Sacramento State.

She met with Herbert Blake, Jr., the chairman of the Department of Management, in October 2004 at the Financial Management Association conference in New Orleans, La.

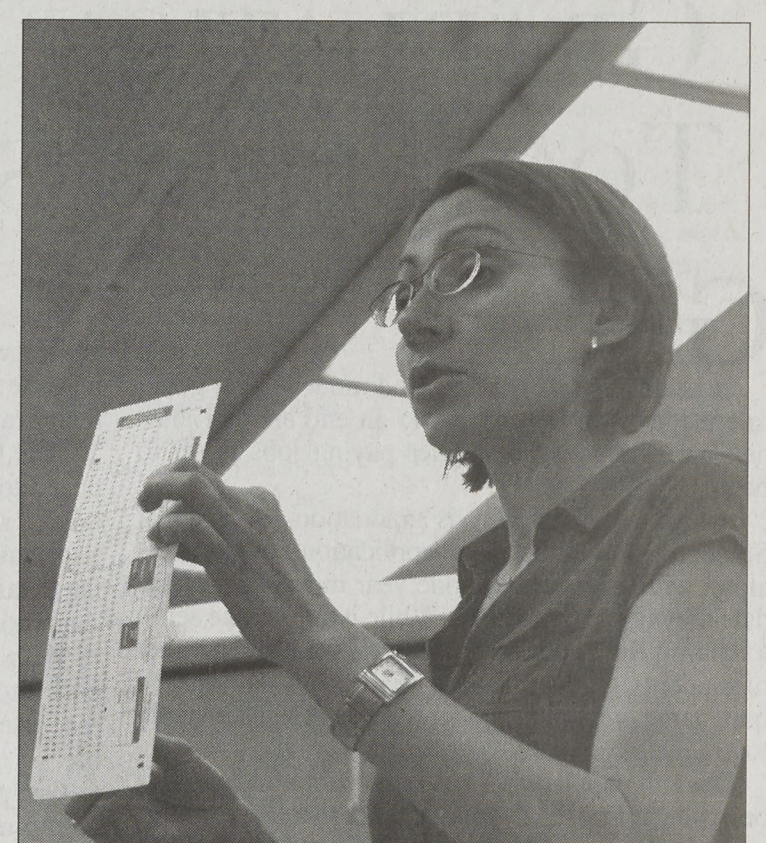
Blake was part of the hiring committee looking at new potential financial faculty members for colleges across the nation.

"We were impressed with her research and her teaching at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln," Blake said.

Vygodina is not limiting herself to just teaching or working on exchange market research while at Sac State. She is the faculty adviser for the Investment Society, and a member of the Academics Standards Committee.

"I like the Sacramento area," Vygodina said. "The people are friendly here. Also the students are very eager to get the knowledge, get a career and to succeed."

When Vygodina is not teaching financial management courses, she tends to relax by backpacking overnight in the Redwood forests or in Yosemite National Park. She also likes photography and kayaking, though she has not had the chance to kayak along the Sacramento River yet.



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Instructor found way to Sac State after 10 years at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

While living in Sacramento, she does not forget her family back in Russia. "I call my family once a day and go back to Moscow twice a year," Vygodina said.

Ralph Pope, a professor of finance in the Department of Management, said, "Anna is very nice. She was one of three people that we were searching for, so we're very happy to have her."

One hope that she aspires to is to one day teach intermediate corporation finance at Sac State.

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State law requires sexual harassment training

GAMALIEL ORTIZ
State Hornet

Hundreds of Sacramento State's decision-making staff will be trained and educated on how to muddle through sexual harassment incidences.

A state law signed by Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger requires all state employers larger than 50 members to undergo sexual harassment training.

As a result, all deans, vice presidents, directors and faculty who are responsible for other staff will have to be trained in compliance with the law, said Frank Whitlatch, interim associate vice president of public affairs.

Up to 530 Sac State employees, who meet the definition of supervisor, will have to go under this training starting mid-month, said David Wagner, vice president of human resources.

"The 2½-hour online training will comply with the program," Wagner said.

According to a memo sent from CSU Vice Chancellor Jackie R. McClain, staff with overseeing responsibility will go through extensive online training through human resource company WorkPlace Answers.

The memo states because the new law does not explicitly define who is supervisory staff, due to the wide-scope impact of the law, CSU will allow each university to decide who is supervisory staff, along with a CSU definition of supervisory staff.

This may also include student staff, although a small number of students, possibly none, Wagner said.

The memo details that "the training will need to be provided to presidents, administrators, department chairs, employees who supervise student employees, employees with (any) lead worker responsibilities."

The state law requires that all supervisory staff complete two hours of sexual harassment training before January. So for the next three months, human resources is preparing to train appropriate staff, which will have to be paid for by Sac State, Whitlatch said.

Keith Miller, vice president of sales and marketing for WorkPlace Answers, said the new law is very specific in what it wants to accomplish.

New supervisory hires would have to be trained within six months and supervisors will have to take the course every two years, Miller said.

The company has a multiyear contract with CSU to provide the training.

"If you look at the law, you'll find a million things," Miller said. "No one has ever done training like this."

Miller said WorkPlace Answers was selected by both the CSU and UC systems to provide training that includes "playful scenarios that can get a point across with engaging, challenging and fun online sexual harassment training."

Supplemental courses that deal with other harassment issues are also available through the company, but Sac State will not initially go through "protected category" training, Miller said.

The online company has 600 clients and has done similar workplace training for six years, Miller said.

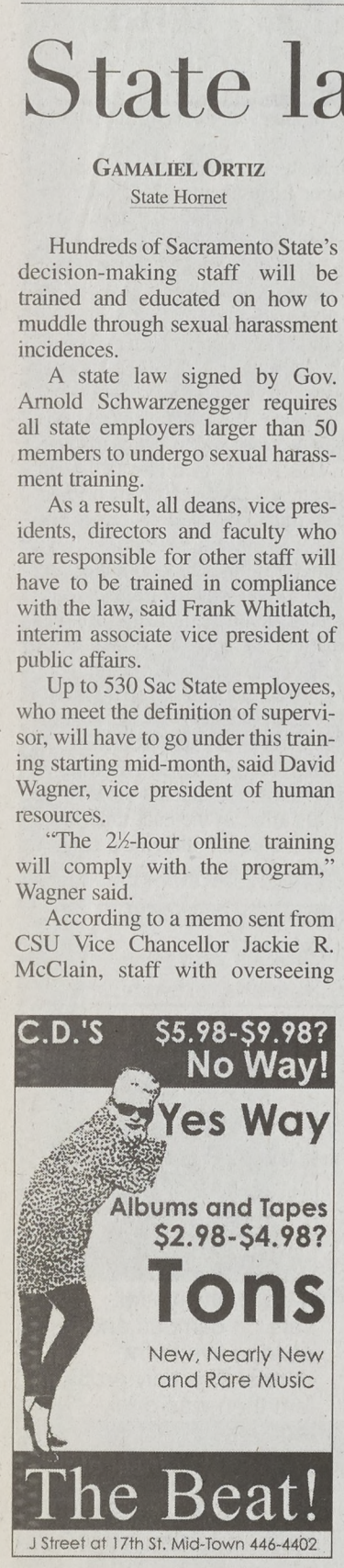
The training will help protect the university from a lawsuit and employees become stress-free knowing their employer has provided sexual harassment training, Miller said.

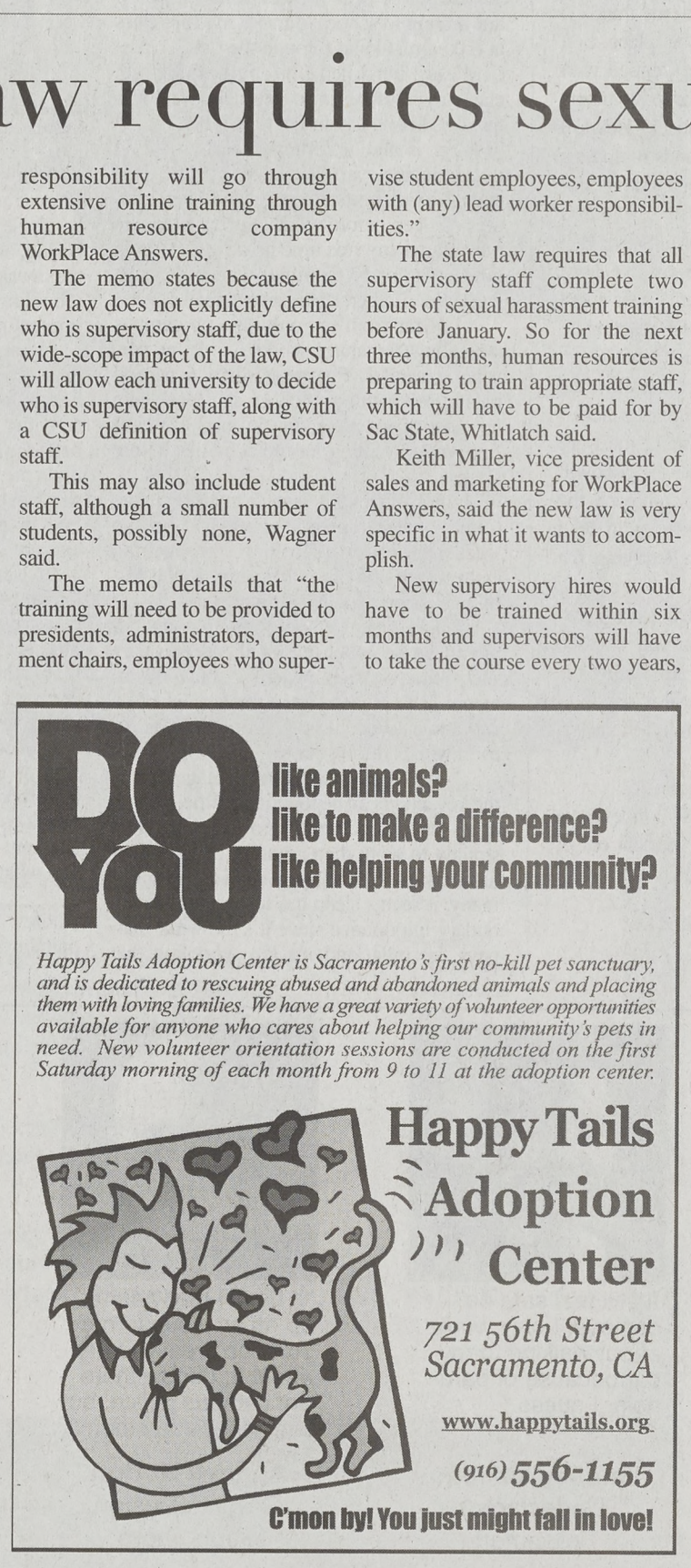
Criminal Justice Chair William Vizzard said like any state public agency it's a fairly common practice. "In general, the perception of this type of training is perceived broadly in the public sector to somehow immunize organizations from liability," Vizzard said.

Whitlatch said any employer would be smart in following sexual harassment training programs.

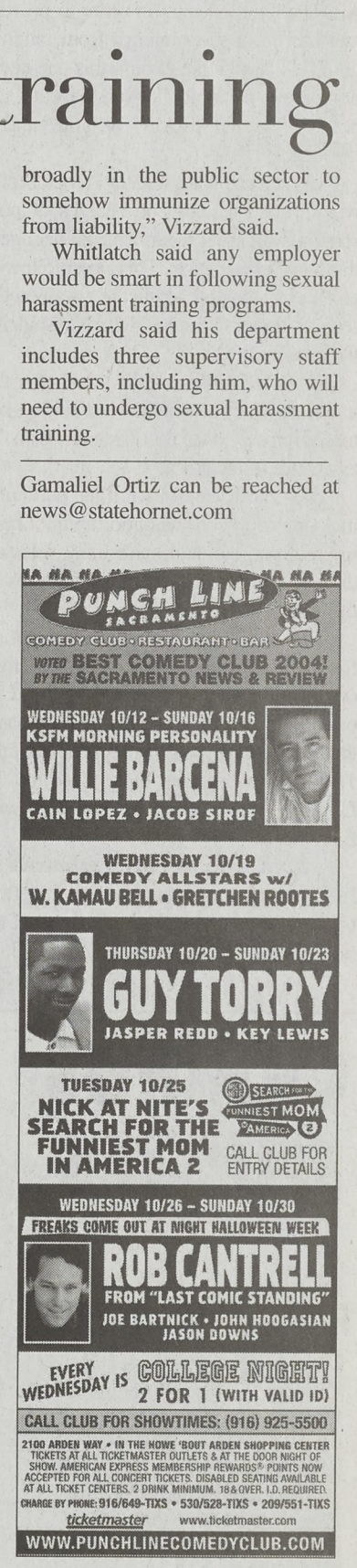
Vizzard said his department includes three supervisory staff members, including him, who will need to undergo sexual harassment training.

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STATE HORNET EDITORIAL

Graduation Process Too Tedious, Costly

Graduation is the one thing every student looks forward to.

It means that all the time and money spent going to college is finally coming to an end and the journey into the world of higher paying jobs is set to begin.

If that's so, then why is graduation so difficult? Students must submit an application to graduate, along with a fee, at least one year in advance of the date they hope to graduate. While it does make sense to submit the application so early, since the number of students graduating in a given semester can be quite large, why must students pay a fee just to apply to graduate?

Once the application has been submitted, it must be evaluated by the degree auditors to make sure that each student who has applied to graduate will be able to graduate.

This is no doubt a tedious process. The evaluators must go through each student's transcripts to be sure that all requirements for his or her major, minor and general education are met.

Students must hope that they have kept good records of what classes they have taken and what class counts for what. This task is even more difficult for transfer students coming from other schools. Those students might find out that even though many of their previous credits should have transferred, they haven't.

Students are supposed to find out whether or not they need any additional classes to graduate before registration starts for their last semester. However, stories abound of students who have not been notified of credit deficiencies until after the start of the semester, even as late as after the end of the add/drop period.

The absolute worst-case scenario for any student is the possibility of not being able to graduate, not because they don't have enough credits, but because their graduation paperwork was lost.

This happened to Noelle Arroyo, who was supposed to have graduated last spring. She has spent tons of money just to finally graduate.

"I have never heard of anything like that happening," said Miguel Molina, the associate director of Admissions said Records.

With all the pitfalls that impending graduation puts into the path of students, there should be some recourse to ensure that on-time graduation is possible.

One precaution that students can take is to see one of the degree evaluators before the notification of whether or not graduation is possible arrives. There is only one obstacle in the way of every student trying to do this: The degree evaluators are only available for student appointments two days a week for a total of 12 hours.

By seeing a degree evaluator, a student could easily determine if they need any more classes in order to graduate. This knowledge could translate into either a sigh of relief or a quick effort to register for a summer or winter class. Either way, it gives students the chance to get credits that they might not have realized they needed.

If getting a degree is so important, then there should be fewer obstacles to obtaining that crisp sheet of paper called a diploma. Maybe the reason why so few people graduate in the usual four years is because they have issues with their applications or credits.

What's HOT! & What's NOT

▸ The Department of Boating and Waterways and the California Department of Parks and Recreation, for giving Sacramento State's Aquatic Center $495,000. The money will go toward a variety of projects in and around the eight-acre Aquatic Center.


Nicole

▸ "Nicole The Great White Shark", for traveling 12,000 miles from Africa to Australia and back. Nicole was tagged with a tracker in November 2003.

▸ The new US nickel, for breaking decades of tradition by having Thomas Jefferson facing forward rather than the typical profile view.

▸ New Orleans evacuee Jacquelyn Sherman, for winning $1.6 million at a Louisiana casino.

▸ The Irish policeman in Dublin arrested on suspicion of stealing his department's uniforms and selling them to local theatre and production companies. The man stole tunics, trousers, belts and shirts. Yea it is in the right category, that is hilarious.

▸ The Bush administration, for coming up with a little evidence they are doing something. The White House has released information on 10 terror plots that have been stopped since 9/11.

▸ The refreshing cock-a-doodle-doo heard around campus. Some even claim they've seen a rooster.

▸ Orange County parents, for having to be given free drug-testing kits from the Assistance League of Tustin in order to keep their kids off drugs. One of the main reasons being,that "parents just don't know how to talk about it". Maybe acting like parents would solve that problem.


Eisner

▸ Michael Eisner, for leaving his position as CEO of the Walt Disney Company on Sept. 30, and then also resigning from the company's board of directors.Eisner broke all ties with the company.

▸ The US unemployment rate for the month of Sept. It rose from 4.9 percent to 5.1 percent in a month, and was the first time since 2003 that there were more job losses than gains.The rate was expected to be much higher however according to analysts.

▸ Electronics store Good Guys, for shutting down their 46 stores in California and all others in the nation. Parent company, CompUSA Inc. has decided to close the stores due to changes in high-end consumer electronics.

▸ Scientology, Tom Cruise and Katie Holmes, for creating a baby that will live and die by the ideals of a science fiction writer.

– Blake Ellington

Debate over gun control triggered by dorm incident



KYLE HARDWICK

So it now appears that students living in the dorms will have to wear their bulletproof vests in order to prevent any life threatening injuries from random gunfire. I would like to pose this one question: How paranoid do you have to get before you start packing heat in student housing?

Sacramento State student Patrick Smith was arrested recently on charges of possessing a firearm on campus and negligent discharge of a firearm. This arrest followed an incident that left a bullet in a wall on the second floor of Sierra Hall. No students were injured.

Smith allegedly fled the scene after the incident, which took place last Friday, but turned himself in the following day with the assistance of an attorney.

The idiotic nature of this particular incident affords us the opportunity of having a larger, national, dare I say, relevant discussion about the issue of firearms in this country.

The National Crime Victimization Survey of 2003 found that 449,150 victims of violent crimes said that they faced an offender with a firearm. The FBI estimated that in that same year that 67 percent of the 16,503 murders that took place in the United States were committed with firearms.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, evidence is mixed about the effectiveness of gun bans. Or in the spirit of the right-winger ideological mantra: "Guns don't kill people, people kill people."

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But the Department of Justice noted that the 1994-96 federal assault weapons ban may have contributed to the reduction in the gun murder rate and the murders of police officers. The Justice Department explained that this apparent decline was due in large part to the fact that the ban limited criminal use of assault weapons.

These statistics lead me inevitably to the memory of an incident, conjured up by a reference made to it on a Justice Department website, of a local shooting that took place in 1989, very near where I grew up. I remember a man standing on top of an elementary school building, shooting a rifle at the children and teachers on the playground below. I cannot recall whether I saw these images on the news or imagined them after the fact, but the impressions of the incident were ingrained in my mind.

The incident, which took place at a Stockton Elementary School, ended with five children dead and nearly 30 others injured. The shooter, Patrick Edward Purdy, had fired off 100 rounds in under a minute before turning the weapon on himself.

Now I know the incident in Sierra Hall was no where near this serious, but I still can't help the fact that when I hear about these incidents I find myself reacting to them with a great deal of frustration.

I find myself attempting to swallow the disgust that inevitably accompanies them.

It is these incidents that make me wary of those individuals who take the goodwill of others for granted, who approach the benign communities they subsist in with dangerous contempt by undermining the safety of others.

I am not attempting to advocate any particular political position regarding the issue of firearms. I am however advocating the swift punishment and removal of any individual responsible for willfully endangering the lives of others.

This is a column of outrage.

Sac State should throw whoever is responsible for last week's incident out of the J Street entrance, head first.

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What students need: Their A's and Zzzz's



ANDREW STIFFLER

As my alarm blares at a refreshing 6:30 a.m. I find myself stumbling out of bed. Fifteen minutes later I am driving to school to make my first class at 8:00 am. Going through the first 3 classes is easy, but when I hit my forth of fifth class my eyes begin to get heavy and lectures go in one ear and out the other.

This is the unfortunate reality I find myself facing everyday; once my final class end it's a race home to get maybe a few minutes of sleep before work. Such a schedule only allows my free time in the late evening (and often, early morning) sometimes past 2:00 a.m. Lather, rinse, repeat.

I am far from the only one on campus struggling to manage school, work and personal schedules. For me, it is hard to try and balance everything. School and work take up most of my time, and in many cases, I find myself putting leisure activities before sleep.

Junior criminal justice major Shane Canela would agree; "going out on the weekends instead of resting, then writing essays and studying for exams at the last minute, sleep is no longer a priority."

Canela makes a really good point. It would be so much easier if sleep wasn't such a time consuming activity, but unfortunately, It is a necessity. I think most of us can admit to dozing off during a break, or even worse, during class.

As I mentioned, time management is the key, but it can be tough for some. "Many of us sleep because we go to school then straight to work then go home and study or just unwind from the day," said Canela. For many, it seems sleep has to become of secondary importance since it's the work that pays the bills, and it's the schooling that (hopefully) prepares us the next bill-paying job.

I politely woke Freshman Computer Science major Justin Remmick to ask why he chose to catch a few Zs. "Classes are boring, and not entertaining enough to keep me awake." Remmick also agreed that schooling and work schedules become more important than sleep.

What can students do to better manage their time? Personally I find becoming a hermit has worked best. Removing social activities in place of studies or sleep has been the best way for me to better manage my time. This advice won't work for all since many already sacrifice much of their free time; it might be hard to remove it entirely.

If sleeping on the second floor of the Union or the third floor of the library works best for you, I would recommend finding other alternatives for ways to get that extra bit of rest. Time management is a matter of choice for all students, but I would recommend finding a balance between school, work, social activities, leisure and sleep.

It is a tough-balancing act, but without the proper sleeping schedule all those other activities will suffer. In the end, time management is all about the individual student and what works best for he or she.

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CAMPUS QUOTES

Do you feel safe on campus?

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"Yes, for the most part. The only thing I worry about is walking way out to my car at 9 p.m."

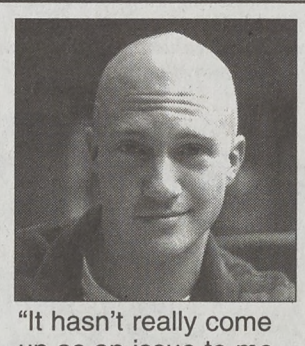
Natascha Storms
Anthropology
Grad Student


"I don't really worry about anything, I have never felt threatened on campus."

Jesse Arimas
Criminal Justice
Senior


"I still feel safe on campus; I only worry about walking to my car because of paranoia, I guess."

Lindsey Makano
Undeclared
Freshmen


"It hasn't really come up as an issue to me so I don't really worry about it. I know there are campus police, but I've never seen them."

Andrew Norton
Graphic Design
Sophomore


"I have always felt safe on campus and I used to live in the dorms. The only problem then was drinking."

Tammy Duong
Pre Nursing
Junior

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Internment camp film coy on facts

Editor:

(Re: Thomas Barron's "Film explores WWII internment camps" article.)

The Camp McCoy internment facility held German Americans as well as Japanese Americans during World War II. I am in hopes that the State Hornet will tell the rest of what that the film does not show.

Furthermore, there were more than 50 internment camps/detention centers that held German Americans in captivity for the duration of the war and longer.

Many were held for more than three years after the war in Europe ended ... until August 1948.

Arthur D. Jacobs
Hornet Reader and author,
Major, USAF Retired

Editor:

(Re: Thomas Barron "Film explores WWII internment camps" article.)

It is too bad that Professor Emeritus Satsuki Ina did not include the entire history of Camp Mc Coy in her movie Silk Cocoon.

The unadulterated truth is that at Camp McCoy there were far more German than Japanese civilian internees in that camp, which no one addresses. That a scholar such as Professor Ina glosses over that is more than inexcusable. Being an ex-internee, she undoubtedly knows that Europeans were interned in many of the same facilities with her family.

Therefore, the premise that internment during that period was racial is totally incorrect, and mitigates the real coercive power extant then and now permitting internment.

I hope that Ina has not colored the movie into a racial issue, because she received compensation in the amount of $20,000 as she was born while interned. None of the 15,000 European internees received the slightest compensation.

My story is not unique. I was 15, in 1940 when every alien over 14 both male and female was required to register with photo ID and fingerprint and carry the same as an internal passport. In 1943, while yet 17, I was arrested in my Woodward High Classroom, Cincinnati and interned until September 1947. We shared all the same facilities, schools, hospital, food, clothing without separation. We even played together.

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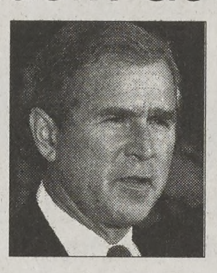
That knowledgeable Japanese fail consistently to suggest equal justice for all is simply unconscionable.

Eberhard Fuhr
Hornet Reader, Illinois

THIS WEEK IN PRESIDENTS

U.S. President George Bush

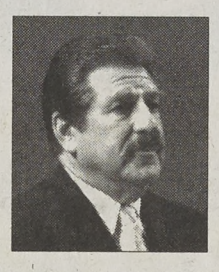
- Continued to resist pressure from the public and some political leaders to pull out of Iraq. Bush called that viewpoint a "dangerous illusion" to think that the US was going to leave.



- Met with vaccine manufacturers about the possibility of an outbreak of the avian flu. Bush offered the suggestion of using the military to quarantine any affected areas of the US if the outbreak were to occurr.

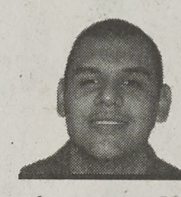
University President Alexander Gonzalez

- Attended the Homecoming Football Game vs. Northern Arizona.
- Participated in the Homecoming parade, riding next to his wife, Gloria.



- Participated in the Big Sky Conference President's Council meeting in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Fire walking, dog training: Sounds like something good



GAMALIEL ORTIZ

Who wants to shout "Kazaam!" just before pulling a rabbit from a skullcap? Who wants to construct a giant turtle from paper intricately folded into dozens? Who wants to get down with their hip-hop skills? The options are rare, colorful, imaginative and downright enchanting.

Simply thumb through UC Davis's experimental college catalog and you'll see ... Imagine flipping through a catalog and finding these beauties: fire walking, dancing (including breaking, Merengue and tango), disc jockeying, guitar, origami, gardening, magic, bike maintenance, dog training, hip-hop and belly dance.

Sacramento State is a nice school, but it needs to get creative and provide a little more to spice up every student need. Some things are missing from this school – things that are peculiarly beneficial.

And while students find an escape from traditional academia via Greek circles, clubs, athletics and jobs, these alternative classes, albeit almost credit-less, would add a positive new dimension to this school.

The classes will enrich students' lives. Just ask Darius Pazirandeh, with the UC Davis Experimental College in Davis.

"It provides a chance for students to try new things," Pazirandeh said. "It fulfills an educational, personal need."

The experimental college has about 1,000 students, a quarter of whom are not UC Davis students. In addition to professors, community members and college students teach the courses.

Although relatively small, Pazirandeh said the college is hardcore in fulfilling its goal of providing unique educational opportunities. It has a library and a garden and they attend class because they are learning something that they want to do, classes which are not typically provided at most colleges. And there are no grades.

Pazirandeh said the college is overseen by the student government and is run independently as a nonprofit business to keep it running.

"The main reason is to try something new, another that it's the only place you can do it," Pazirandeh said.

Furthermore, students with class ideas are encouraged to propose those ideas to see if they can teach a course. Some ideas students had that didn't fly: a gun safety class, a how to "do it" class and a class about growing hallucinogen mushrooms.

But besides that, Pazirandeh said they offer almost anything else. Pretty wild, but innovative. And that's what attracted UC Davis student Helen Loung to the college.

"I love that place, it's just a cool place to be," Loung said. "Lots of fun classes."

For Loung, it's a stress-free escape from her school load and something refreshing.

"I can learn at my own pace and my other classes do stress me out a lot, but the class at the experimental college is just something that I do when I have time."

Sounds like an agreeable deal; here's another one: Pazirandeh said that some students could receive credit by teaching a course under the guidance of a college professor, but it can't be something too wacky, like a sex class.

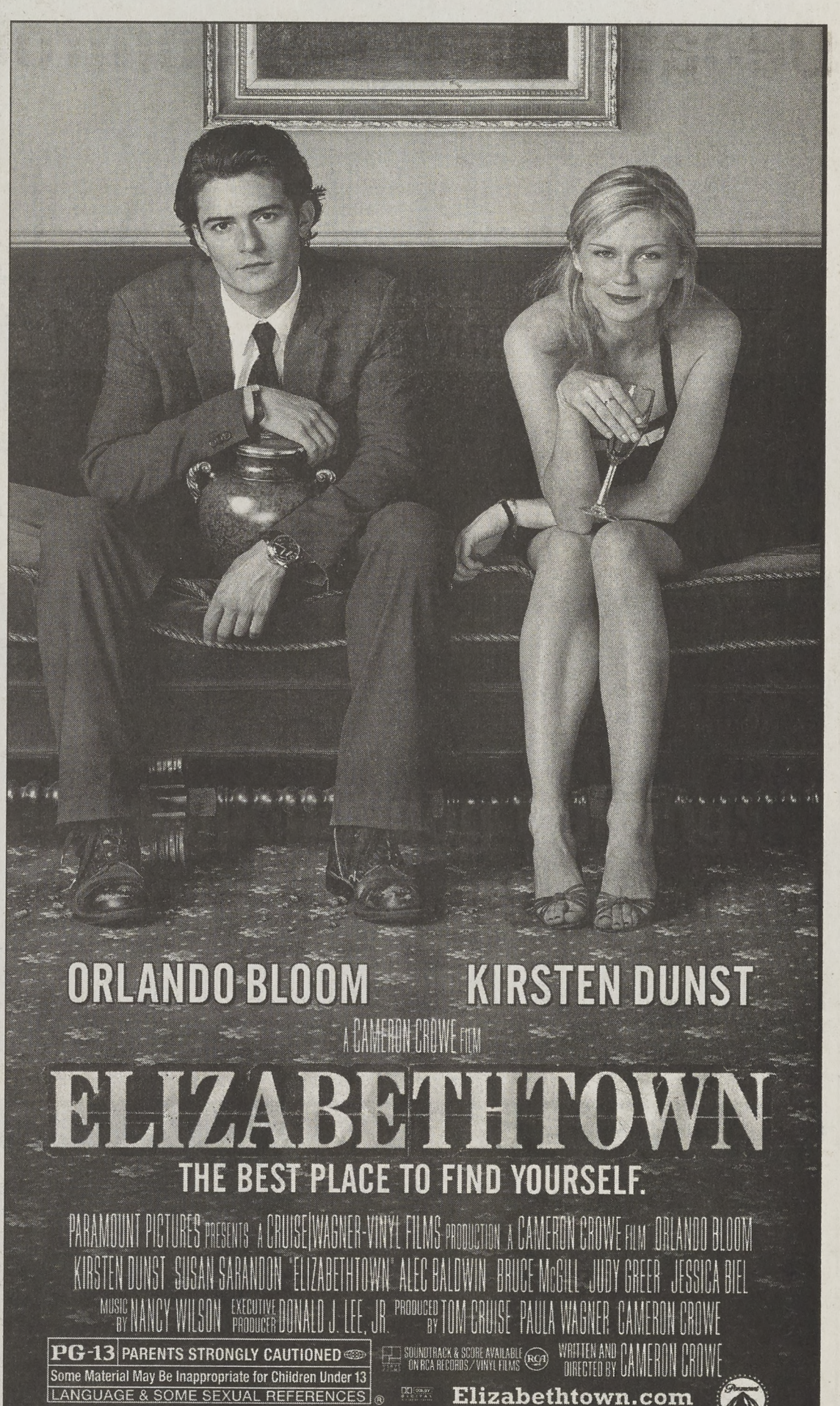
Most students need to find a way to fulfill their unique needs not provided in certain lecture halls and labs, and that's what these classes bring.

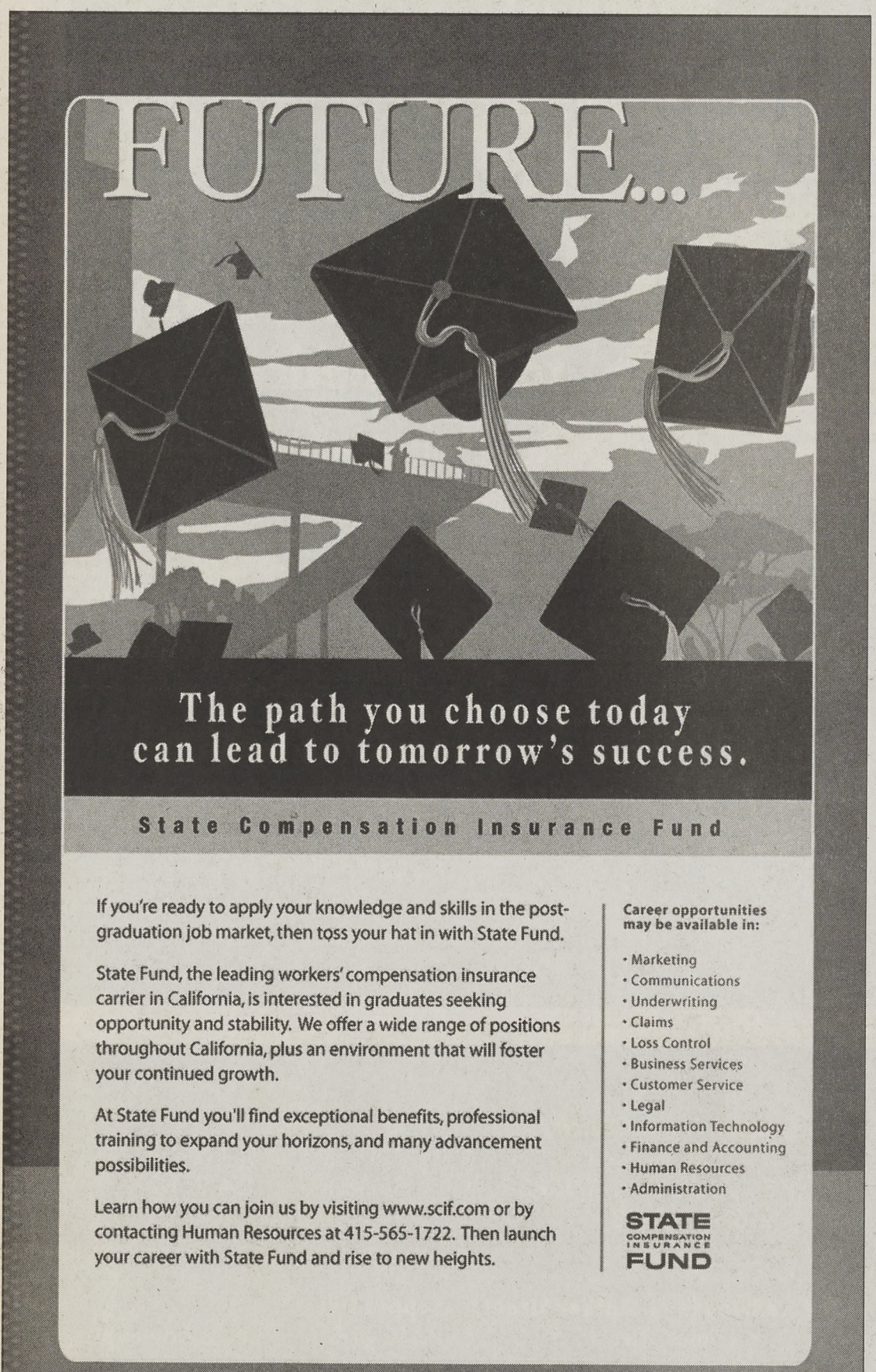
"No, I didn't really expect to take these classes in college...but I'm glad they are there," Loung said.

It's a social thing. It's an educational thing. It's a good thing. Some of the classes just make you shake your head. A fire walking class? But an idea is an idea and, good or not, you've got to give it a chance. "I don't know, it's just a place for me to learn something without the stress of grades, you know what I mean?" Loung said. Yeah, I know what you mean; sometimes you just got to roll with it.

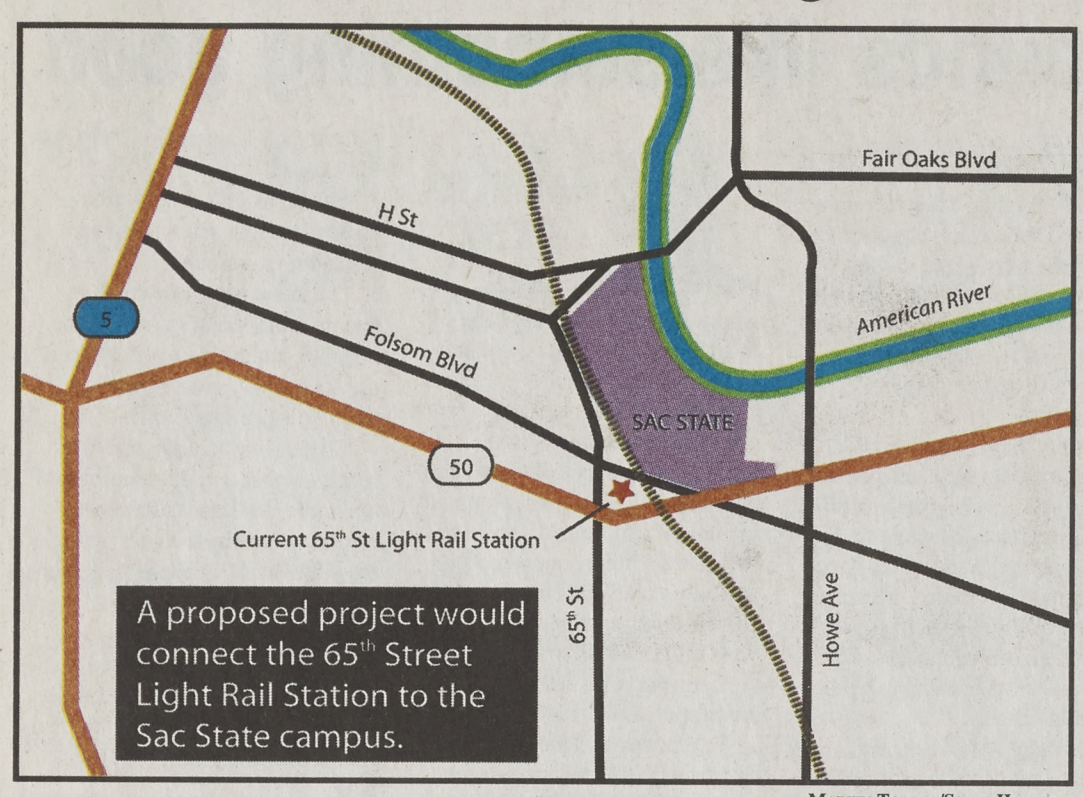
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LIGHT RAIL: Project has plenty of support



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bilities for refill development and the potential for people to live, shop, work and go to appointments in the same area.

"Smart growth means developing inside of your cities instead of sprawling out," Kays said.

The deadline for the grant is Jan. 12. Projects that receive the money will be announced in March, Kays said.

Altier said that the light rail extension would help create more redevelopment and contribute to the growing feeling of a college community around 65th Street.

Positive feedback has come from both Sacramento Regional Transit and the California Department of Transportation, Altier said.

"We're in support of it," said Jan Mendoza, a spokeswoman for Cal Trans.

A recent campuswide survey gave University Enterprises the thumbs up from faculty, staff and students for the light rail project.

Out of 2,500 responses, 58 percent said that they would be interested in taking the light rail extension - that would be a big jump from the one percent that currently utilizes light rail, Altier said.

"Even if only 10 percent of students took the light rail, that would be 3,000-5,000 less cars in the parking lots," Altier said.

If the grant is approved, engineering, layouts and cost estimates would take nine-to-10 months before groundbreaking can begin, Altier said. The project is slated to be finished in two years if everything goes as planned.

"We're going after the plan aggressively; hopefully we can get going on it soon," Altier said.

The project is a feature of the larger Destination 2010 goals set forth by University President Alexander Gonzalez.

After the light rail station is built, a connecting rail line from Ramona Avenue to the university will be constructed, Altier said. The light rail will connect faculty housing, which will be constructed south of Folsom Blvd., to Sac State.

Altier said that the University of Oregon is the first campus to use a Bus Rapid Transit system, and Sac State's system would be modeled after theirs.

Oregon's shuttle system, the Breeze, was built in 1996 and brings University of Oregon students to the Eugene, Ore., light rail Station.

The Breeze increased light rail commuting at Oregon by approximately 1,000 riders a day, said Rand Stamm, head of Transportation and Parking Services at Oregon.

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CLERY: Figures not trend indicator, professor says

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decreased from 514 in 2003 to 117 in 2004. The majority of the burglaries have occurred on public property and 26 percent of them have occurred on-campus.

Motor vehicle theft has been decreasing also. There were 333 auto-thefts in 2003 and 253 in 2004.

Arson has gone up in the past three years. In 2002, there were no reports of arson, but for the past two years there has been two cases per year of arson.

Reports of forcible sex-offenses have decreased. There were 20 reports of these offenses in 2002 and only one was reported in 2004. There were no reports of non-forcible sex-offenses in the past three years.

Cases of assault, burglary and sex-offenses have not been based on race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, ethnicity or disability in the past three years.

Hate crimes, involving vandalism on walls, have occurred in the past three years. Similar hate crimes based on race and sexual orientation has gone down in the past year, but there have been two cases of crimes based on religion in 2004 instead of one case in 2003.

The number of arrests for drug violations nearly doubled from 2003 to 2004. There were 41 arrests for drug violation last year, with the majority of the arrests being on public property. Arrests for weapon violations also nearly doubled from six violations in 2003 to 11 in 2004.

The arrests for liquor law violations have gone down from eight in 2003 to two in 2004.

However, the statistics are solely based on reports of criminal behavior and Tony Platt, professor emeritus of social work, said it is difficult to come with a conclusion on why crime has gone up or down based on statistics alone.

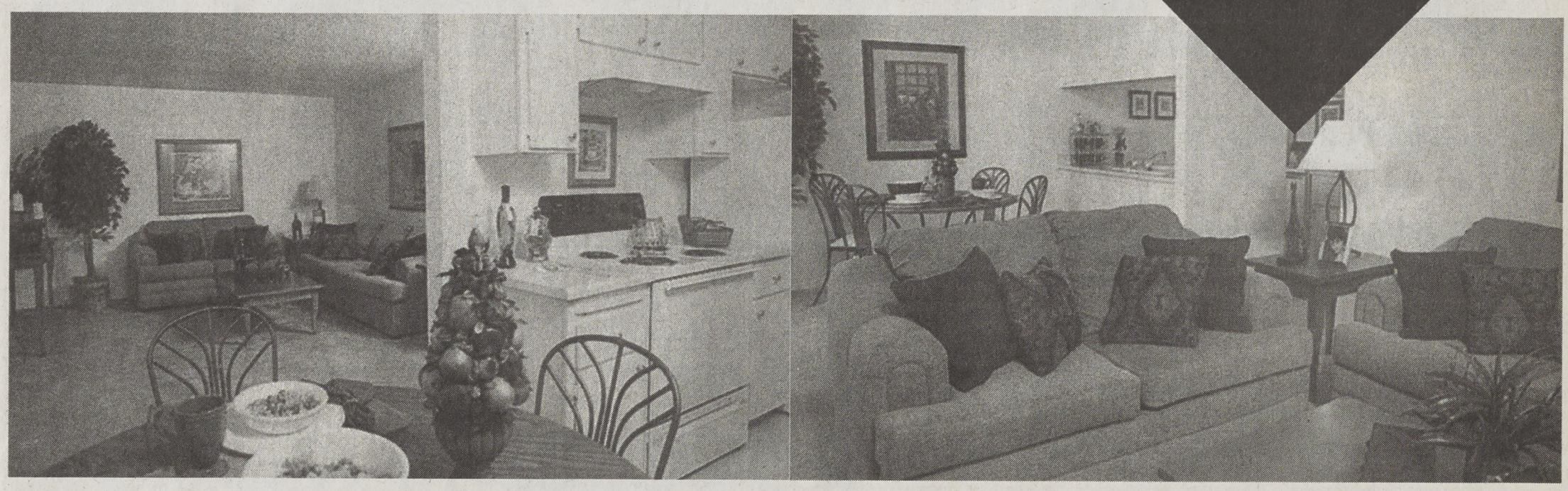
"I don't think you can make much of these figures, because whether or not crime is going up or down you have to look at it through several years and you have to take in account the way people report crimes," Platt said. "Without knowing the trend over the several years and how people report crimes, it's hard to make something out of these figures alone.

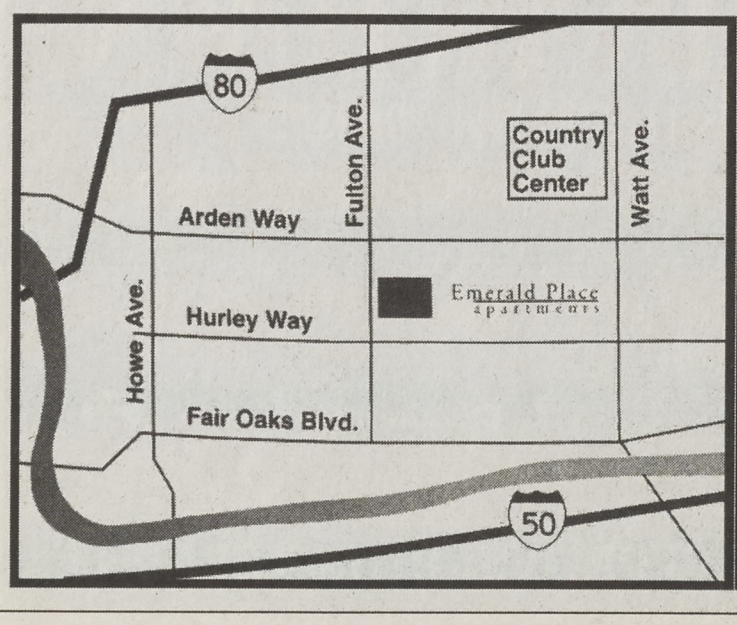
"The most accurate way to know why there is crime on campus or anywhere else is to ask representative samples if they have been victimized on campus over the last year because most people do not report crimes," he said.

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On 2nd Thought.
What will you be watching in the sports world this October?

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Atlee Hubbard (3) and Shannon Arts (7) celebrate a point during Sac State's Saturday win over Idaho State. The Hornets won all three matches over the weekend.

MERRILL NOSLER/ STATE HORNET

Sky's the limit for volleyball

Hornets win two Big Sky Conference matches at home

BRAD ALEXANDER
State Hornet

Sacramento State's volleyball head coach Debby Colberg had a pleasant birthday weekend after sweeping past all three opponents over the weekend.

The Hornets continue to control first place in the Big Sky after getting two more conference wins against Weber State and Idaho State.

"We're always watching the Big Sky race carefully," Colberg said. "Overall we are doing pretty good."

On Thursday the Bobcats of Weber entered the Hornets Nest and left themselves defenseless against the Sac State's outside hitters. Junior outside hitter Atlee Hubbard's sweeping right hand found the sweet spot for a career-high 26 kills against the Bobcats.

The Hornets committed 33 attack errors and 10 service errors, allowing Weber to push the match to a fourth game. The Hornets put away the match after playing four match points.

"I think our biggest problem now is finding out if we can stay consistent," Hubbard said.

Attention moved from the outside hitters to the middle where sophomores Michelle Franz and Lindsay Haupt posted big numbers against the second conference opponent of the weekend on Saturday, Idaho State.

While key players, middle blocker Zoe Beltz and outside hitter Felice Yocopis, were out for Idaho State, Franz and Haupt controlled the net and combined for 20 kills and eight block assists against the Bengal. Haupt posted the match high in blocks with six. Franz had a career-high three aces. As a team the Hornets had twelve aces and 17 blocks.

Joining Franz in the record books was Sac State junior Kristin Lute, who forced the team to take two time-outs back to back, as she opened a cut on

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Defensive end to miss season

MITCH MCLAUGHLIN
State Hornet

Coming into the 2005 football season, the Sac State defense was counting on defensive end Jacob Houston to be one of the focal points of their attack, but because of a back injury, last year's second team all-Big Sky performer will be forced to sit out the remainder of the season and play his senior season next year.



Houston

"The best thing for him is to not play through the pain and be 100-percent healthy by the time spring practice comes around next year," said head coach Steve Mooshagian. "We expect him to make a full recovery and be bigger, faster and stronger than before."

Houston, who finished second in the conference with 10 sacks in 2004, will be a medical redshirt this year and has another year left of eligibility.

The Sanger, Calif., native played in only 22 plays of the first two games this year before going to the sidelines for good.

"Playing in those two games I wasn't even close to being the same player that I was before the injury," Houston said.

"I felt that it was best for me and the team to sit out a year and get ready to go for next season. I should be ready by the spring, but at the worst the fall."

Houston said he didn't want to let the rest of his teammates down by trying to play through the pain. He has been impressed by the guys who've been filling in for him so far.

"The defense hasn't really missed a beat," he said. "They haven't missed anything with me not being in there."

He has begun rehabbing with strength and conditioning coach Mark Shrum with the goal of being able to go for spring practice.

Last season, Houston had 33 tackles and was named all-Big Sky and ranked third in the conference with 14 tackles for a loss.

INSIDE

The Hornets, coming off two-straight wins, take on Weber State looking for road win No. 1 for their coach

LEG UP ON THE COMPETITION



Christie Humphries had a busy weekend placing third in the jump and trick competitions and fourth in slalom, giving her a third place finish at the western regionals water skiing open. See story on B3.

CHARLIE MCCOMISH HORNET PHOTOGRAPHER

LEADING THE SWARM

Three seniors carry men's soccer into conference play

TYLER STALKER
State Hornet

Two simple seven-letter words describe three of the most important players on the men's soccer team.

While "seniors" or "skilled" are words that accurately describe these three, it's another that is most important. Leaders. That is much more important for this season's young Hornets squad going into league play this week.

The Hornets have nine freshmen and two sophomores this season. The talented scorer, Marco Ramirez, the vocal leader, Ricky Rodriguez, and the no-nonsense goalkeeper, Matt McDougall, have this team following their lead to new heights.

While juniors like All-Conference player Utodi Madu and Ryan Rhoads may be equally instrumental to the team's success on the field, only McDougall knows what it's like to be on a winning squad at the collegiate level.

McDougall has been with Hornets soccer since the last time Sacramento State won the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation regular season title in 2001. He was a red-shirt freshman that season, but he learned how to be successful and win at the college level.

"It's about a will to win," McDougall said. "That team in 2001 wasn't as talented, in my opinion, as our team this year but they found ways to win in the end."

McDougall's leadership has pushed some of the young guys this season.

"You could tell (McDougall) really wanted this one," freshman defender Jeff Buddenbohn said following a 2-0 victory over rival UC Davis. "His effort made (the defense) want to make sure that we got the shut out. We didn't want to give one up."

Hornets coach Mike Linenberger can see that the seniors have had an effect on the team.

"The three seniors really set a tone for this team," Linenberger said.

Whereas McDougall is the old man on the team, having been with the team for five seasons now, Marco Ramirez is the new guy in town.

Ramirez joined the team just last season after transferring from Modesto Junior College, and wasn't sure if the team would accept him as a leader so quickly.

"All I could do was go out on the field and lead by example," Ramirez said. "By playing hard all the time, I think I show the young guys what needs to be done to win."

Ramirez has earned his role for Sac State and as a major contributor, being recognized in the national news by becoming a force in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation with his goal scoring ability. Ramirez has three goals in eight games this season, following last season's two goals. Earlier this season, Ramirez was named to College Soccer News' National Team of the Week for his efforts during the LIU Soccer Classic in Brooklyn, N.Y., where he scored two goals including the championship winner against Long Island.

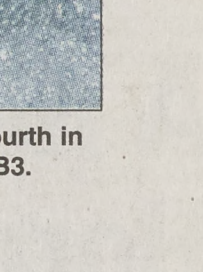
While Ramirez is scoring the goals, Ricky Rodriguez is doing the little things that need to be done.

"Actions speak volumes," Rodriguez said. "Communication is important too, but nothing can beat

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McDougall



Ramirez



Rodriguez



Senior defender Mandy Siller controls the ball against Eastern Washington. The Hornets are undefeated in two Big Sky matches this season.

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Women's play is heads up

The Hornets score all three weekend goals on headers

BENN HODAPP
State Hornet

Sacramento State women's soccer head coach Katie Poynter could not hide a smile after the Hornets played their best game of the season on Sunday.

The Hornets (4-6-3, 1-0-1 Big Sky) defeated Montana (2-9-1, 0-3-0) 2-0 in front of a large crowd at Hornet Soccer Field.

"That's our 90 minutes," Poynter said. "We finally came out composed and (the players) took our instructions to heart."

"This was a great win for us."

The Hornets struck for the first goal just three minutes into the second half on a Kelly Novak header. In the 75th minute the Hornets scored again on a Maggie Murphy corner kick that was headed in by Katie McCoy.

The Hornets tied Eastern Washington 1-1 on Friday. Sarah Howard scored on a header in the 34th minute to tie the game.

Sac State will try to remain unbeaten in the Big Sky when they take on Northern Arizona at 1 p.m. Sunday at Hornet Soccer Field.

WEEKLY ROUNDUP

FOOTBALL

NEXT: at Weber State (2-4, 1-2), Saturday, 12:05 p.m. *Radio: 1380 KTKZ*
LAST WEEK: Sac State 41, Azusa Pacific 19
Rushing: Sac–Mole 24-202, Cummings 3-21. APU–Sanchez 26-110, Keeler 4-18.
Passing: Sac–Hurd 14-24-0-198, Tredway 3-5-0-40. APU–Carlton 12-29-1-151.
Receiving: Sac–Briggs 4-39, Coogler 3-51. APU–Staley 8-115, Hardiman 2-8.

Big Sky standings

	Conf.	Overall
Montana	2-0	4-1
Montana State	2-0	4-2
Eastern Washington	2-1	3-2
Portland State	1-1	3-3
Idaho State	1-2	3-2
Weber State	1-2	2-4
Sac State	**1-1**	**2-4**
Northern Arizona	0-3	2-4

VOLLEYBALL

NEXT: vs. UC Davis (3-16) Wednesday, 7 p.m. at Northern Arizona (3-12, 2-4), Saturday, 7 p.m.
LAST WEEK:
Sun, Sac State def. Bucknell 3-0 (30-23, 30-12, 30-14)
Sac–Hubbard, 13 kills, 12 digs, Lute, 18 digs, Ferguson, 13 kills, 23 digs. B–Henderson 9 kills, 13 digs, Anderson 14 kills.
Sat, Sac State def. Idaho State 3-0, (30-17, 30-18, 30-19)
Sac–Franz 10 kills, .571, Haupt, 10 kills, 6 blocks. ISU–Maughan 8 kills, 5 digs.
Thur, Sac State def. Weber State 3-1 (33-31, 30-26, 25-30, 22-30, 17-15)
Sac–Hubbard, 26 kills, 13 digs, Ferguson, 13 kills, 17 digs. WSU–Bair 18 kills, 22 digs, Murphy 10 kills, 4 blocks.

Big Sky standings

	Conf.	Overall
Sac State	**5-1**	**14-7**
Portland State	4-2	14-5
Eastern Washington	4-2	12-5
Weber State	3-2	8-10
Montana State	2-3	8-10
Idaho State	2-3	8-11
Northern Arizona	2-4	3-12
Montana	0-5	10-9

MEN'S SOCCER

NEXT: at No. 1 New Mexico (9-0-1, 1-0-0), Friday, 7 p.m., at UNLV (2-9-0, 0-2-0), Sunday, noon.
LAST WEEK:
Sun, San Jose State 1, Sac State 0
Scorers: SJS – Diaz 1.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

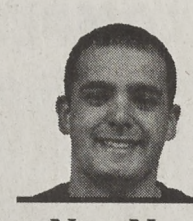
NEXT: vs. Northern Arizona (6-8-0, 2-0-0), Sunday 1 p.m.
LAST WEEK:
Sun, Sac State 2, Montana 0
Scorers: Sac–McCoy 1, Novak 1.
Fri, Sac State 1, E. Washington 1
Scorers: Sac–Howard 1. EWU–Dolack.

Correction

Men's soccer plays in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation. Last week the State Hornet incorrectly identified the conference.

On 2nd Thought.

October is 'Sports Month'



MATT VEVODA

New NorCal power?

If every month were October – the one month basketball, baseball and football all take place – a sports fan would be in paradise.

Training camps for basketball just opened, and the team to watch this season is the Golden State Warriors. The Warriors, with their high-octane offense, have their best chance of making the playoffs since 1994, when Chris Webber was a Warrior and had healthy knees. Their backcourt of Baron Davis and Jason Richardson is the best and most exciting in the NBA. Kings fans should be worried about the Warriors this season. Last year, the season series went the Warriors' way and now a jump ahead of the Kings in the standings is looming.

The San Francisco 49ers have not done very well this football season, but a big reason to watch the team is No. 1 overall pick Alex Smith, who was finally named the starting quarterback over the miserable Tim Rattay. The 49ers have a weak offensive line that will hopefully not get Smith injured, but Smith can only get better on the field and not with a clipboard in his hand. It should be exciting to watch Smith blossom into a good quarterback as he progresses this season. The experience he gains will definitely prove worthwhile next season, and if the team gets the No. 1 pick again, they can draft USC running back Reggie Bush and reunite him with his high school teammate, Smith, in what would be a scary offense in 2006.

The theme for the baseball playoffs is eight teams, one champion. With one week gone, I have not yet seen that one dominant team that we all know will win the World Series. The playoffs have not been as good as last year. Of course, it is going to be tough to duplicate the Boston Red Sox winning their first World Series since 1918 in stunning fashion.



TYLER STALKER

That bunt is ... outta here

The baseball playoffs are here, but I don't feel the excitement in the air. This is probably because there is none.

Baseball is no longer "America's Pastime." It is now simply past its time. Perhaps Major League Baseball should do the exact opposite of what hockey just did and make it more difficult for people to score runs than easier.

Home runs are the only way runs are scored anymore, and it's because the stadiums are so small that everyone simply bulks up to hit it into McCovey Cove, which in the past would only get you a flyout to right field. Baseball has become a laughingstock and it's not improving.

Moving on to a sport that has people actually watching, it's been nice to see that "experts" and fans alike are finally seeing that the Miami Dolphins are better than expected. After Week 1, I heard plenty of people say that the 49ers were a better team thanks to their victory over the Rams, while the Dolphins won because the Broncos weren't nearly as good as their 4-0 preseason record would indicate. Four weeks later, the Dolphins are winning and the 49ers are not. As for the Broncos, they've beaten the Chiefs, Chargers and Jaguars. Before the season, I said the 'Fins were good for nine wins; well, it's looking good so far.

October is also time to get excited for another Kings playoff run. Problem is, there won't be one this year. Last season, the Kings were the No. 6 seed in the West, but had the season gone on any longer, they easily would've fell to No. 8 or 9.

That was last season right?

Wrong. The Kings will be even worse this year. On paper, Bonzi Wells and Shareef Abdur-Rahim look like good additions, which they might be, but it's the losses of Bobby Jackson, Eddie House and Darius Songaila that will ultimately cost this team. I expect the Kings to be sitting at home while Josh Howard and the Mavericks take home the championship.



BENN HODAPP

Puck off, hockey

October is the greatest month for sports fans. Baseball playoffs, football in full swing, basketball preparing to get going. Oh my goodness.

Baseball has by far the best playoff setup. The first round, unlike basketball, lasts a week. It is obvious in that time which team is better than the other. Take, for instance, the Cardinals-Padres series. The first round does not need to last a month. There is nothing worse than having all remaining playoff teams come to a screeching halt just so we can see who wins a meaningless first round Game 7 between the Bulls and Wizards.

Right about the time August starts I am all about football. Well, honestly, the second the Super Bowl ends I want it to just start all over again. This year has brought on some more interesting storylines. The Patriots struggling, Donovan McNabb going crazy despite injury … the Bengal! It's also pretty fun to see just how angry you can get while watching Sunday Night Football on ESPN every time Joe "ouch, my leg" Theismann speaks. The man needs to be muzzled.

Despite the fact that my boys (the 49ers) are playing like nearsighted penguins, I still love football.

Basketball is my favorite sport. It's no secret. I could talk endlessly about stupid stuff you've never even dreamed of/cared about. Want me to do weekly NBA power rankings? Sure! I'll probably do it anyway just to waste time. The players are disturbingly athletic and sickeningly talented in the NBA.

Exhibit 1: Phoenix Suns center Amare Stoudemire. If you've never seen this guy play, leave your house now and go to a Suns game. Seriously, your life can wait.

Since I'm running out of space in this column, let me end with this personal gift to you: I hate hockey.

Freshman is Big Sky Player of the Week

HORNET STAFF

Freshman Sarah Howard, who scored a goal and had an assist over the weekend, joined freshman Jenny Lawrence and senior Linda Sanchez as the third Hornet to receive conference player of the week honors on the women's soccer team.



Howard

On Monday, the Big Sky named Howard the Offensive Player of the Week.

Howard, a Business major out of Chino, is the only freshman on the team to have scored a goal this season. Sac State is currently tied for 2nd place with Portland State in the Big Sky.

Men's tennis ousted quick

Six Hornets competed in last weekend's Bronco Tennis Classic hosted by UC Santa Clara. Of the four that competed in the singles round of 32, only sophomore Warwick Foy was able to overcome his first round opponent, Julian Tizot of St. Mary's College 4-6, 6-1, 7-5.

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Foy went on to lose in the next round to Pacific's Matt Loucks 6-2, 6-0.

In doubles play, senior Thomas Morton and junior Joakim Rydberg defeated UCSD's Eric Oijala and Steven Oechel in the first round 8-3, then lost to St. Mary's Achim Christner and Yury Platonov 9-8 (1).

The Hornets will be back in Santa Clara for the Santa Clara Rolex Tournament on Oct. 21-23.

Karnaukhova out at ITA

Margarita Karnaukhova, Sacramento State's star tennis player, dropped out of last week's Riviera/ ITA All-American Tennis Championships due to injury.

Karnaukhova is currently ranked No. 14 in the nation and was the Big Sky Conference MVP three years in a row.

Karnaukhova has a couple of weeks to recover before the women's team heads to Stanford to compete in the Stanford Invitational.

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A Mooshagian-era first: Hornets win two straight

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Two straight wins, another first for head coach Steve Mooshagian. After winning his first homecoming game and beating Big Sky rival Northern Arizona for the first time at home in school history, Mooshagian's Hornets defeated Azusa Pacific 41-19 at Hornet Stadium.

"We've been taking those little obstacles out one at a time," Mooshagian said. "We got this two in a row one out of there and now the next step is to win a Big Sky game on the road.

Mooshagian will get his chance on Saturday when the Hornets travel to Weber State, a team they defeated last year 31-12 at home.

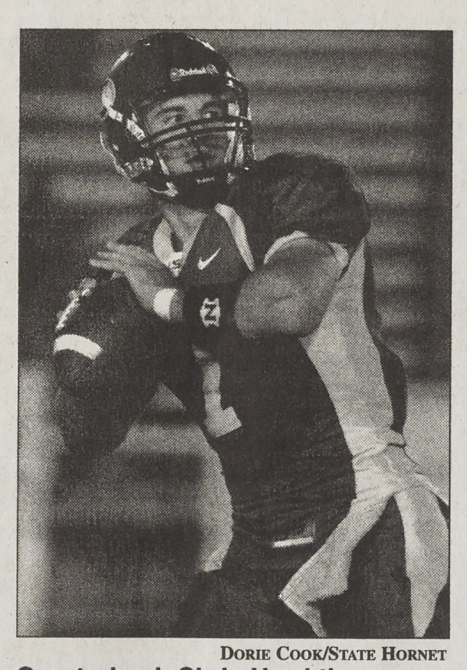
"Weber State will pose a great challenge for us next weekend," Mooshagian said.

Under Mooshagian the Hornets have yet to win a road game and will try to do so at a place where the team is 0-4 in school history.

Weber comes into the game at 2-3 (1-2 in Big Sky) and the Hornets enter it 2-4 (1-1). Both Mooshagian and starting quarterback Chris Hurd look forward to the challenge of winning a road game for the first time in three-plus seasons.

"To tell you the truth I don't really look at it that way," Hurd said of the Hornets' recent struggles away from home. They are 7-7 in home games under Mooshagian, but 0-13 away.

"To me it's just a different team with a different color jersey on. It doesn't really make a difference if we are playing in Sacramento or Weber. I haven't been here long enough to know that history and to me it doesn't mean much at all," Hurd said.



DORIE COOK/STATE HORNET
Quarterback Chris Hurd threw three touchdown passes.

"We just need to have that mentality as a team that we will play well no matter where the game's at."

The Hornets will arrive in Weber with confidence coming from their victory over Azusa. Sac State beat the NAIA Cougars by dominating on offense, in the first half particularly. For the first time this season, the Hornets led at halftime, by a 27-12 margin. The 27 points, all scored in the second quarter, are the most points a Hornet team has scored in a quarter since the school moved to Division I-AA

Running back Ryan Mole was a big reason for the offensive outburst in the first half. The sophomore gained 189 of his season-high 204 yards in the half and added two touchdown runs.

"It was a lot of fun out there tonight," Mole said. "The line has been blocking a lot better than earlier. It feels great to be able to get into the end zone a couple times tonight. It's been awhile since I've done that."

It was Mole's second best game in his career at Sac State. He had 245 yards rushing and two scores in last year's upset win over Montana State. It's the only other game Mole has done each of those things, gone over 200 yards and scored two touchdowns.

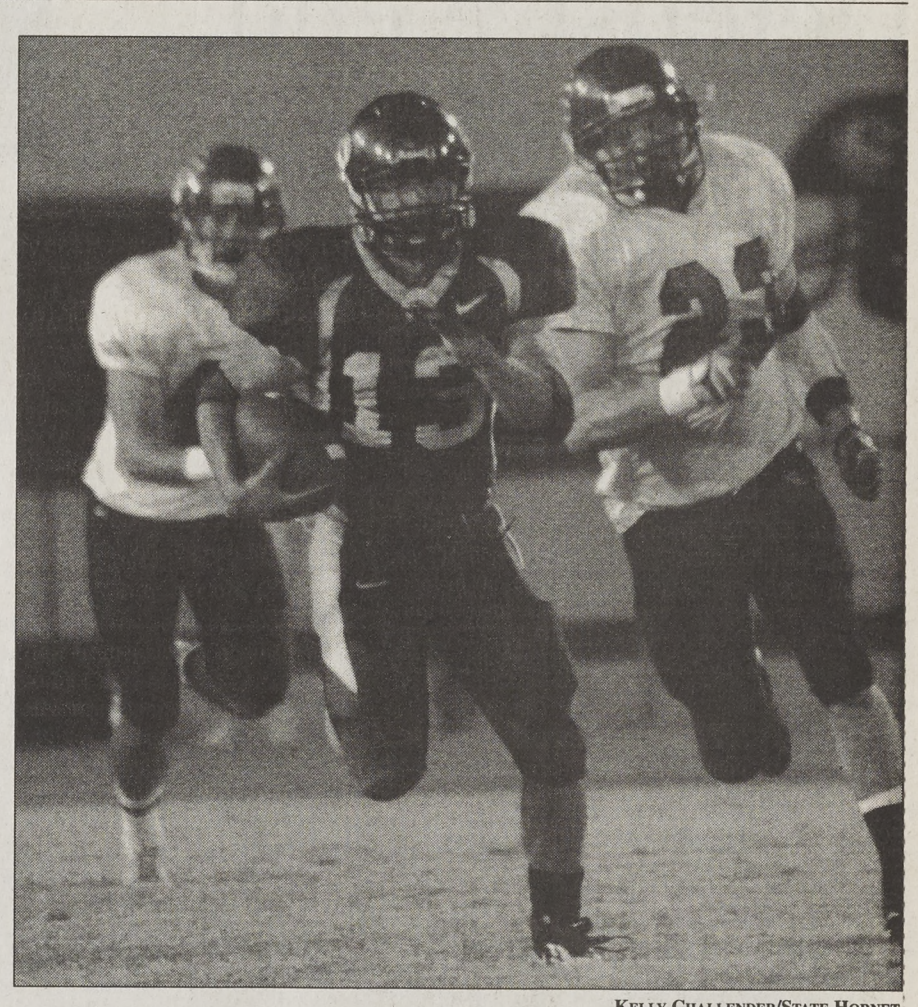
"Once he broke in the secondary, you saw how special a back like Moley is with the cuts and moves that he makes," quarterback Chris Hurd said. "With Mole, you know how good he is."

The offensive line that Mole credited was not only responsible for the 257 total rushing yards, but for giving Hurd time to throw and that he did.

Hurd threw for three touchdowns and 198 yards and was sacked only once by the Azusa defense. He spread the ball around to seven different receivers and got receivers Torrell Baker and Matt Yaklich both their first career touchdown catches.

"Once we all come together and play as we are capable of playing I don't think there's a team this conference that can keep up with us," Hurd said. "We just have to come out and execute and tonight we did."

Despite the big margin of victory, midway through the second quarter the game was still up for grabs. With the Hornets down three in the quarter, Mooshagian elected to go for a fourth down play at the Azusa three-yard line. On the play, Hurd connected with tight end Tommy Briggs for the score, putting Sac State up 13-10. On the ensuing point after try, however, Juan Gamboa's kick was blocked and returned for a two-point score for Azusa.



KELLY CHALLENDER/STATE HORNET
Hornet running back Ryan Mole rushed for more than 200 yards for the second time in his career. He also had two touchdowns on the ground.

The Hornets would not allow another point until late in the fourth quarter, running off 21 unanswered points.

"We wanted to be aggressive and on that fourth down call, I felt we really needed to change the momentum of the game and with that score we did," Mooshagian said. Briggs' touchdown gave the Hornets their first lead of the game.

Mooshagian said his team got the wake-up call they were looking for after Azusa stole the momentum right back with the block kick and return, which turned a four point deficit to one point.

"Our defense said enough is enough and we got the ball right back after that score and we closed the half out great on offense."

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BIG SKY CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCCER PREVIEW

BY BENN HODAPP

Sacramento State
2004 Record: 3-15-0, 1-5-0
Key Returning Players:
2004 Goal Leaders:
MF-Linda Sanchez,
F-Katie McCoy and
F-Amanda Gray (2).
2004 Assist Leader:
MF-Linda Sanchez (3).
2005 Record: 4-6-3

Idaho State
2004 Record: 7-6-3, 2-3-1
Key Returning Players:
2004 Goal Leader:
F-Natalie Graham (4).
2004 Assist Leader:
D-Jennifer Loo (4).
2005 Record: 3-8-1

Eastern Washington
2004 Record: 7-9-2, 4-1-1
Key Returning players:
2004 Goal Leaders:
MF-Beth Russell and
F-Cyeeta Mott (3).
2004 Assist Leader:
MF/F-Jennie Summers (3).
2005 Record: 3-8-3

Montana
2004 Record: 8-8-2, 4-3-1
Key Returning Players:
2004 Goal Leader:
F-Lindsay Winans (10).
2004 Assist Leader:
D-Kelly Fullerton (4).
2005 Record: 2-9-1

Portland State
2004 Record: 8-8-3, 4-1-1
Key Returning Players:
2004 Goal Leader:
F-Jamie Blakesley (8). D-Juli Edwards.
2005 Record: 4-7-2

Northern Arizona
2004 Record: 5-11-2, 2-4-0
Key Returning Players:
2004 Goal Leader:
F-Dani Davis (5).
2004 Assist Leader:
MF-Shelby Gould (2).
2005 Record: 6-8-0

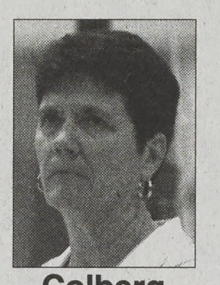
Weber State
2004 Record: 8-10-2, 2-2-1
Key Returning Players:
2004 Goal Leader:
F-Linsey McFarland (6).
2004 Assist Leaders:
MF-Hayley McCoy,
MF-Rochelle Hoover and
MF-Shelli Gough (3).
2005 Record: 7-4-1

History on Hornets' side in rivalry game

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The Causeway Classic is coming to the Hornets Nest tonight and Sacramento State is primed for the match up.

The Hornets have won 13 of their last 15 matches and have dropped only one match inside the friendly confines of the Nest the entire season. That loss came against Santa Clara in the middle of a five-match losing streak for the Hornets. Previous to that the Hornets have not given up a match at home since the beginning of the 2003 season.


Colberg

"As far as wins and losses we're doing really well," head coach Debby Colberg said. "But I always see room for improvement."

The team has steadily been improving since the five-match losing streak that now seems so long ago. Dominant sophomore middle hitters Michelle Franz and Lindsay Haupt have controlled the net recently and have helped the team break into the NCAA Div. I top 20 for blocks and digs.

Junior Kristin Lute was ranked 26th in the nation in digs at 5.37 per game last week. Since then she has averaged 4.50 digs per game in the last three matches at the Nest.

On the offensive side Atlee Hubbard has overwhelmed opponents, raising her career high twice this season. First at Portland State she had 24 kills, then again at home on Thursday against Weber State she had 26 kills in a four-game match. The junior has also posted 13 double-doubles this season, while ranking among Big Sky leaders in nearly all statistical categories.

Meanwhile the Aggies have had little to celebrate after snapping a month-long losing streak against the Matadors of Cal State Northridge recently. Currently, Davis is 3-16 on the season after dropping the Matadors to 3-13.

In her third win of the season junior outside hitter Nicole Read tallied 25 kills, backed by freshman Nichole Brown's 28 digs.

The Aggies other two wins came at the beginning of the season when they hosted the Aggie Invitational, defeating Idaho State in three games and Washington State in five games.

Sac State controls the series 45-16 in the history of the Classic. The match will get underway tonight in the Nest at 7 p.m.

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HORNETS: They maintain Big Sky Conference lead

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her serving hand.

"I had to hide it or they would have taken me right out," Lute said.

She returned to the game in top form, however. Later in the third and final game she scored a career high in aces with three.

The two conference wins give the Hornets a demanding lead over the Big Sky, as they are the only team with a single loss in the conference. In the third match of the longest home stand of the year for Sac State, the team played an opponent it had never faced before in the Bucknell Bison.

In the only West Coast trip for the year, Bucknell, hailing from Lewisburg, Pa., did not get a friendly welcome from the Hornets. The green and gold dominated the Bison in every category.

The buzz remained upfront and center, as Haupt again dominated against the undersized middles of Bucknell. Rolling over the Bison, Haupt posted eight kills on 14 attempts, one solo block and one block assist.

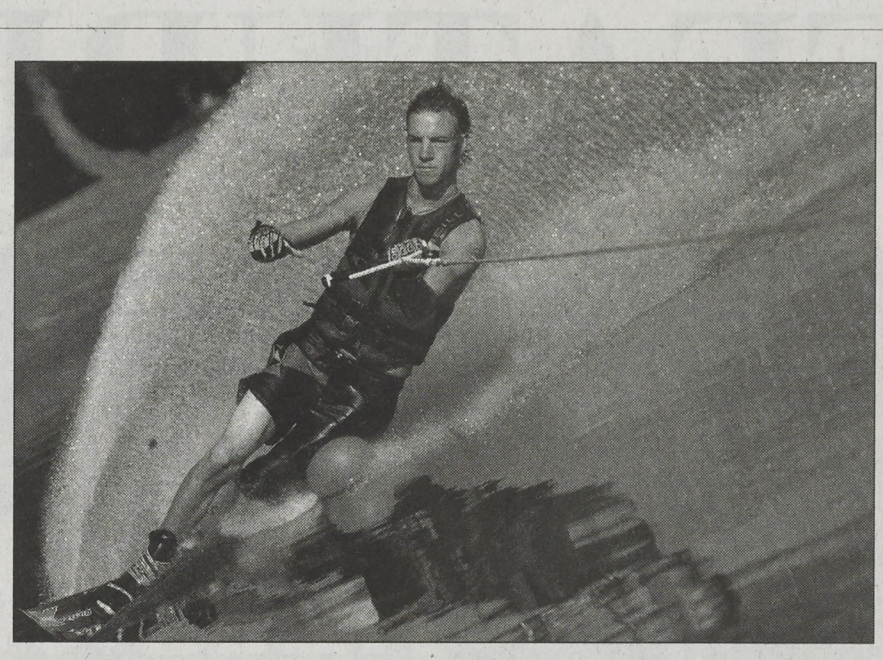
In the one hour and 18 minute match the Bison fumbled their way to a .025 hitting percentage with three players hitting into the negative.

After closing out game three against Idaho State, freshman setter Rose Burke saw more action while starting games two and three against Bucknell on Sunday. The freshman admitted she was hurt psychologically after a 1-5 start to the season as starting setter. Now that the team has won the last 13 of 15 and is 8-1 at home the freshman has much more to be confident about.

"I think the season is going really good," Burke said. "I'm having a blast."

Burke and the rest of the Hornets hope to continue the good times with another win against UC Davis tonight at 7 p.m. in the Hornets Nest.

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Freshman Karl Gerrett took fifth in the slalom at the western regionals in Elk Grove on Saturday. The Hornets won second and qualified for the nationals.

CHARLIE MCCOMISH/ STATE HORNET

Team qualifies for Nationals

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Soaring through the air and gliding through the water, Sacramento State Water Skiing finished second overall in the Western Regional Open at Shortline Lake in Elk Grove.

Sac State hosted the two-day meet featuring 11 of the 19 member schools of the western conference, vying for five spots in the National Collegiate Water Ski Association nationals in Kentucky.

Coach Brian Dulgar has developed Sacramento State into one of the top Water Skiing programs in the country. Their qualifying for nationals keeps them second nationwide for number of nationals trips. Sac has been to nationals 23 times in the last 26 years.

This led the team to be ranked as the eighth best program in the country by WaterSki magazine.

"There are schools out there that have corporate sponsors and scholarships for out-of-state students," Duglar said. "We are the only one in the top-eight that doesn't do that and we pretty much recruit in-state."

Sacramento finished only 1085 points back from national power Arizona State University. UC San Diego finished third, but more than 1300 points back from Sacramento.

Sacramento's Ryan Selsor soared 133 feet in men's jump on Sunday to finish fifth. Selsor was fourth overall and the highest finisher from Sacramento.

Sophomore Christie Humphries was third in women's jump, at a personal best 86 feet in was fourth in slalom. She also finished third in trick placing her third overall in women's competition.

"I was hoping for third place in slalom but I did my best," Humphries said. "There's always room for improvement but I couldn't do any better in slalom."

While the boat runs at about 35 miles per hour, skiers use the line to propel themselves to nearly 60 miles per hour while crossing the wake to hit the ramp on jumps.

Karl Garrett, a freshman from Chico, finished fifth in slalom after passing two buoys, but received more points for taking 38 feet off his 75-foot rope. With the distance between the boat and the buoy at 39.5 feet, Garrett ran nearly perpendicular to the water.

Garrett has been skiing since he was five years old at his parent's private lake in Chico. His friendship to coach Brian Dulgar brought him here to Sacramento State.

"I've known coach B.D. for a long time and I think of him like an older brother," Garrett said.

Garrett also came to Sacramento for the perfect waterskiing lakes.

"We are pretty fortunate to have all these homeowners that let us use their private lakes," Garrett said. "Shortline is one of the best in California."

Sacramento hopes to finish in the top-five at nationals.

"I would like to finish in the top-five," Dulgar said. "We have a great opportunity with great facilities, equipment, and good coaches."

The Hornets will travel to the NCWSA Nationals on Oct. 20-22 in Paducah, KY.

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SOCCER: They lead in different ways

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performing on the field."

People who have seen the Hornets may not always be able to find Rodriguez, but there's a good chance that they've heard him.

Rodriguez, who is in his third season with the Hornets is the vocal leader of the Hornets. Rodriguez is in constant communication with teammates, telling them what to do and how to adjust to the style of each individual game. Last season, he led the Hornets with six assists and often leads the Hornets attack through opposing defenses.

Experience is all that separates him from the younger players, Rodriguez said.

"You can never stop learning," Rodriguez said. "I still learn something new everyday."

According to Rodriguez, each of the seniors has their own ways of providing leadership and that helps because different people respond to different methods.

"I'm the vocal leader, Marco leads with solid play and Matt does both well," Rodriguez said.

That is a lesson learned by playing for the Sacramento Knights during the offseason.

"A leader is someone who acts as a mentor to his teammates and shows them right from wrong; it is our job as seniors to provide that example day in and day out, on the field and off; the players on the Knights provided this for us, now we're providing it for the young guys," Rodriguez said.

This season, if the seniors and the young talent can achieve good communication, then Rodriguez, McDougall, Ramirez and the rest of the Hornets may also be leaders in the Mountain Pacific Sports Federation standings.

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Hornets get new course

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Sacramento State cross country finally has a course they can officially call their home.

Nestled behind the William R. Ridgeway family relations courthouse on Power Inn Road in the Granite Regional Park, the new cross country course will be the site for this Saturday's 2005 Sac State Open.

"The course bridges the community, city, university and Separovich/Domich Development Company together for a common cause of promoting cross country," head coach Rodney Rothoff said. "It is a huge step."

Senior runner Virginia Grillo said she wishes she could have had the course for her entire four years with the team but is grateful to have it for at least this season.

"I like the course a lot, it has a lot of potential," Grillo said. "This is a cross country course, it's awesome."

Freshman Colin Szehner said the course is really nice and has a fast surface.

"It's a pretty course to have as our own," Szehner said.

One of the advantages of having the new course is the team has been able to practice on it and get a feel for the course.

"Anytime you are able to get out on a course before a meet, it's easier for you to strategize and visualize the race," Grillo said.

The team hopes to christen their new course with a victory in a critical part of their season.

"This is our last tune up before championship season," Rothoff said. "We'd like to win our home meet; winning is on our minds."

The men will face off against American River College in their portion of the meet.

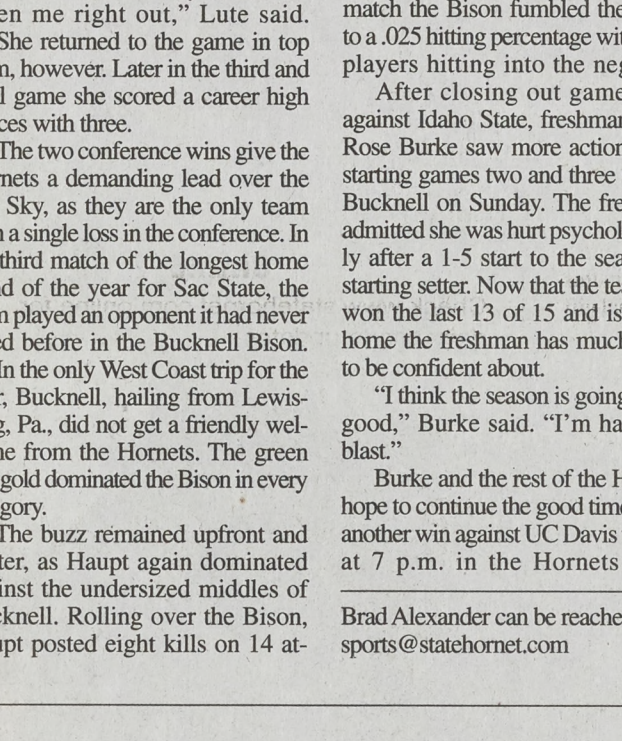
Rothoff said that ARC has been the best junior college cross country team in northern California for years.

"Our goal is to beat AR for first place," Szehner said. "I think we will all try and get personal records on the new course. We have been training hard and it's all paying off."

The women will take on the University of Nevada-Reno, San Jose State and ARC.

"The goal for the meet is to win, put our best numbers out there, let it all loose, run with guts and heart and don't leave anything behind," Grillo said.

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Tour tells Old Sac's haunted history

MICHAEL STOCKINGER
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With autumn already here, and Halloween quickly approaching, the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation, Inc. has already prepared for the season by giving the historic district an autumn facelift.

The foundation has placed scarecrows made of straw and dressed in the clothes of the 1800's in front of stores, corn stalks tethered to building pillars, and fake spider webs throughout the town.

For the kids, there is a small scarecrow park in the middle of the town, on J Street, displaying various scarecrows dressed in 19th century garb, happy pumpkin cutouts that you stick your face into making you look as if you're a pumpkin, and hay bales guiding your way through the small park, located between two buildings.

"Stories of weird things that have happened here are told, like ghosts and sightings and things like that."

Tina Griffiths, Information Specialist at Old Sacramento visitor's center

But this happy façade during the day will change on Friday and Saturday nights when the foundations' Old Sacramento Living History Program, offers its annual Ghost Tours.

"The Ghost Tours are a historical view of some of the things that have happened here," said Tina Griffiths, an Information Specialist at the Old Sacramento visitor's center.

On dark autumn nights, these tours are led by candlelight through the historic town and around the old western architecture to where dark, strange, and sad events took place.

Actors portray the characters involved in different stories and events, acting and telling the stories of peculiar happenings, woe, and despair dating back to the Gold Rush era.

"Stories of weird things that have happened here are told, like ghosts and sightings and things like that," Griffiths said.

The tourists are also led into part of the Old Sacramento underground, which was the original old city before it was raised to prevent it from being flooded by the Sacramento River.

But those who are interested in attending a tour must hurry, reservations are required and there is a maximum of only 30 people per tour.

"The tours are extremely popular," Griffiths said. "I sell 30 tickets a day on average and the tours are selling out fast."

"I get calls from people while I'm talking to someone else who wants to reserve a spot on a tour, so if you're interested you better buy your tickets soon," Griffiths said.

The tours are $15 per person and last approximately one hour. They are given four times nightly starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information visit www.oldsacramento.com, or call (916) 442-7644.

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A PARANORMAL ACTIVITY

BY MICHAEL STOCKINGER
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Sacramento has a rich history, with plenty of historic buildings, including the Capitol, only a short drive from campus.

But there is also a downside to living here.

We have inherited a city full of the dreams, lives and deaths of those who lived here before us, some of whom are still among us.

Most go unseen, but some try to contact us, play tricks on us, and in many cases, terrify us.

In any case, American Paranormal Investigations, Inc. is ready to investigate and unlike the movies, it isn't armed with proton-packs, containers to trap ghosts, or pet ghosts; but more realistically, it is armed with psychics, a medicine man, and spirit specialists who act like mediators between our world and the spiritual world.

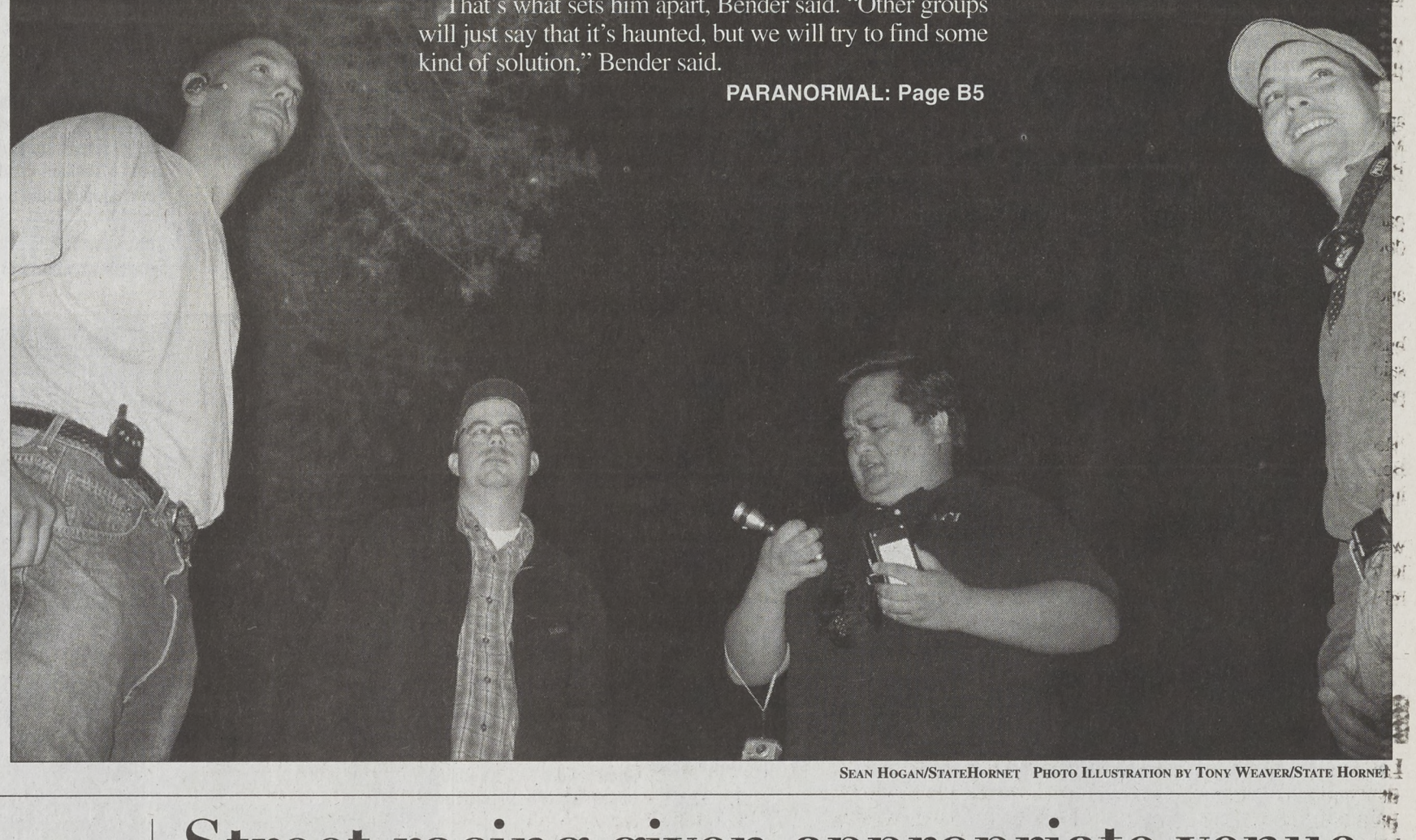
Led by Bender, a foster care social worker and Chippewa Cree Medicine Man, the group offers something that many other groups investigating the paranormal don't: cleansing of unwanted spirits and blessings to prevent further hauntings.

"I am Chippewa Cree, a combination of the two. The Cree from Canada, the Chippewa from Minnesota," Bender said. "I learned through my uncle by watching what he does and practicing with him."

"He taught me ceremonies and practices," Bender said. "So I do blessings and things like that when necessary. I've done three and have been successful with each one."

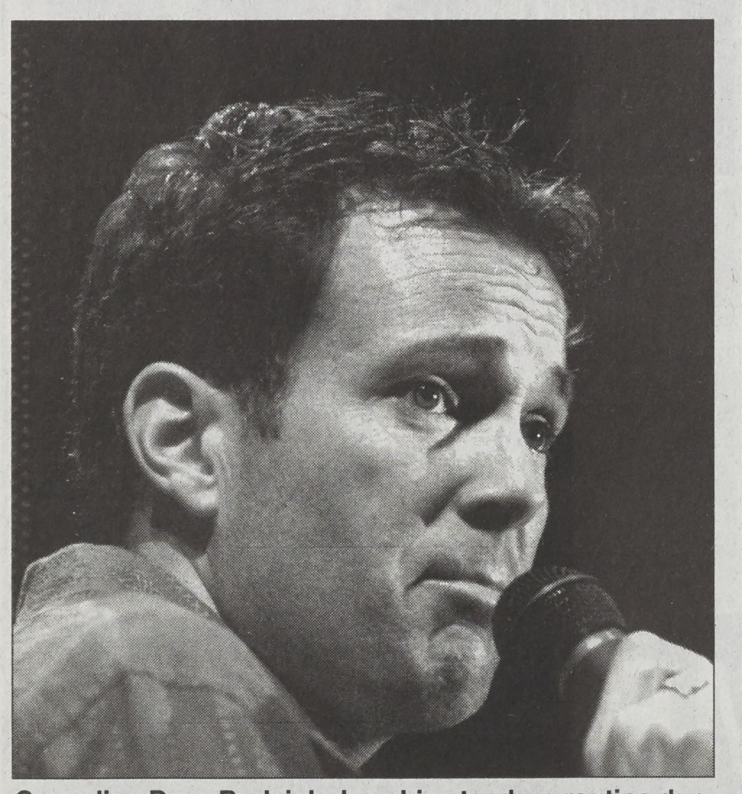
That's what sets him apart, Bender said. "Other groups will just say that it's haunted, but we will try to find some kind of solution," Bender said.

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STAND-UP AND LAUGH



Comedian Dave Burleigh does his stand-up routine during the San Francisco International Comedy Competition.

ANDREW NIXON STATE HORNET

Street racing given appropriate venue

Sacramento Raceway encourages street-legal drag racing every week

BY JENNA HUGHES
State Hornet

In response to the coming implementation of the Drag-Net program to crack down on street racing, Sacramento Raceway has encouraged racers to participate in the street-legal drag races held every Wednesday night.

However, the program will begin with certain steps.

The first step, the one that began at the end of September, is to begin training police officers who serve in the Sacramento area what to look for, according to Lt. Bill Beerman of the Sacramento Police Department.

The partnership with Sacramento Raceway to stop racing on the streets does not begin until the first of the year, when the education of the public begins, Beerman said.

"We have to take this in the proper steps," he said.

Police from throughout the state are being trained to recognize illegal modifications to vehicles, said Alan Coppage of the Bureau of Automotive Repair.

Modifications, such as removing parts of the emissions system to boost engine performance, are illegal because they prevent a car from complying with California emissions standards.

The education program for the public will begin during the winter, when rain usually curbs street racing naturally.

"People don't want to stand in a parking lot in the rain just to watch an illegal street race," Beerman said.

Even the raceway closes down for the winter months.

"We can't race in December because it rains too much," Trimp said.

The education program would be combined with the driving under the influence education programs that already exist, according to Beerman. The education process would also include law enforcement's partnership with Sacramento Raceway as well as other regional racetracks.

"We're willing to give out free tickets for problem areas," Trimp said.

Vehicles with modifications should still be cautious, however. The drivers of those vehicles can still be cited for those modifications.

"I can't speak for every officer out there, but we look for citable violations before making a vehicle stop," Beerman said.

Citable violations include speeding, unsafe lane changes, and obvious street racing.

Even with the tracking of illegally modified vehicles, there are still legally modified cars that race on the streets. It is those racers who are being sought after by the raceway.

The raceway is not the only one who is not changing its operations in preparation for the new program. Some of the racers aren't either.

"I'd probably get caught before I change my car," said Juan Farias, who participates in the Wednesday night drag races.

With the program coming closer to the starting line, racers are still speculative about whether or not it will work.

"Racing has been around for years," said Gaston Benjamin, another participant in the races. "People will race no matter what," Benjamin.

Beerman knows that fighting street racing is an uphill battle.

"It's not going to end completely," he said.

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Same-sex couples receive praise for documentary film

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October is National Queer History Month, and in recognition the Women's Resource Center has planned a special viewing of the documentary "Freedom To Marry: The Journey To Justice."

It will show today at noon in Library 1010.

The documentary, which is approximately an hour long, follows the lives of several same sex couples who seek legal acknowledgment of their marriage in San Francisco. It has attained rave reviews from critics across the country and has received the Audience Award at the 2004 Atlanta Gay and Lesbian Film Festival and Best Documentary Juror's Award at the 2005 Outflux Film Festival.

Showing this film on campus gives students an opportunity not only to possibly gain extra credit for some courses but also increases consciousness of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, questioning, intersex, and ally issues. "It's a good idea [to show this film] because we should have the opportunity to be exposed to current issues. If you are not aware than you have no way to express your opinion about the issue," said Terrhonda Lewis, a criminal justice sophomore.

Pride Program Coordinator Bonnie Sugiyama feels strongly about showing this documentary as a way of demonstrating the real stories behind these marriages. "People take for granite their right to marry whom ever they want to," Sugiyama said. This documentary "shows the real emotion of being able to marry" and the couples profiled in the film show a deeper sense of commitment after receiving their marriage certificates.

Jessica R. Heskin, an advocate and educator for Violence and Sexual Assault Support Services in the Women's Resource Center, takes part in selecting the noon monthly movies and feels that this film is a great way to bring people into the center. Heskin also explained that this film is not just for gay community, but all allies and supporters of equal rights for all. "It's important for college students to understand that the issue of being able to marry or not to marry is a civil right, not a religious one," Heskin said.

Additionally, the Women's Resource Center is also supporting The 2nd Annual International Dialogue on Violence Against Women, which will be held Friday and Saturday, in the Redwood Room of the University Union. For more information, please contact the Women's Resource Center at 916-278-7388.

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CAMPUS EVENTS!

Today

Music, Sacramento State Saxophone Ensembles, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. (916) 278-5155.

Film, Wedding Crashers, comedy starring Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson, 7:30 p.m., University Union Ballroom. (916) 278-6997. Details.

Music, 40th Street Diaries, indie rock, noon, Serna Plaza. (916)278-6997. Details.

Thursday

Music, Dread Zeppelin, The Selecter, reggae, ska, 7:30 p.m., University Union Ballroom. (916) 278-6997.

Exhibit, "Day of the Dead: Cultural Interpretations," work by students from the Sacramento Visual and Performing Arts Charter School, 12-4:30 p.m., Mon.-Fri, Oct. 13-28, Witt Gallery, Kadema Hall, reception 5:30-7:30 p.m., Oct. 20. (916)278-6166. Details.

Friday

Music, Sacramento State Jazz Ensembles, 7 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall, $8 general/$5 students and seniors. Tickets at Sacramento State Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com.

Music, Sacramento State Jazz Combos, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall. (916) 278-5155.

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Sunday

Music, Sun Quartet, Sacramento State faculty string group, 8 p.m., Music Recital Hall in Capistrano Hall, $8 general/$5 students and seniors. Tickets at Sacramento State Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com.

Theater, Anton in Show Business, play by Jane Martin, directed by Sacramento State graduate student Nick Avdienko, 2 p.m., Playwrights' Theatre, Shasta Hall, $15 general/$12 students and Sacramento State staff/$10 seniors and high school students. Tickets at Sacramento State Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com. Performances Oct. 14-16 and 19-23.

Music, Tegan and Sarah with Northern State and Hot IQ's, alternative folk, pop, rock, hip hop, 7:30 p.m., University Union Ballroom, $15 general/$10 students. Tickets at Sacramento State Ticket Office at (916) 278-4323 or Tickets.com.

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Tuesday

Lecture, former Republic of Botswana president Ketumile Masire will speak in "Contemporary Issues in African Development," 3 p.m., Oct. 18, University Union Ballroom. Seating begins at 2:30 p.m. (916) 278-6997.

PARANORMAL: Haunted house calls most common

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American Paranormal Investigations, Inc. began in 2001 when Bender moved to California from Montana, and joined a local paranormal investigations group where he met Aaron Berry, now vice president and ghost/spirit specialist at American Paranormal Investigations, Inc.

"With that group we just didn't do anything, we talked a lot about going out and investigating places, but plans always fell in," Bender said. "So Aaron and I broke off and formed our own group."

In the beginning, Bender said the group was comprised of unreliable psychics and people who came and went, only later did the group have a stable membership.

"We had people come and then disappear – we didn't know what happened to them," said Bender, who laughed at the memory. "Six to eight months later we had a stable group."

During the last few years the group has grown. A Web site was created for the group. And recently, the IRS has recognized the group as a non-profit group.

"We don't have to worry about taxes, and we can apply for grants and accept donations," Bender said. Money is used for equipment, travel and lodging, Bender said.

Becoming a non-profit is something many other paranormal investigation groups are doing today, no doubt as a stamp of legitimacy as well as for money.

The team gets calls from businesses, residences, and investigates all free of charge.

"We've been to some interesting places, some businesses locally and some residences," Bender said. In Sacramento, many buildings have something, possibly of the paranormal, going on, Bender said.

"We've investigated the record store called 'Records' and have been there four or five times," Bender said. "We've done quite a few investigations in the basement."

The store, located on K Street, has a basement that was the original store face of the building that leads to the old sidewalks of the city, before the city was raised to avoid flooding.

"We've picked up feelings from a little girl there, a guy in a letterman's jacket, an old man who walks around, and a transient who was quite proficient in obscenity," Bender said.

The group has also investigated the Fair Oaks Cemetery.

"There are a lot of intense feelings there, and we have some very interesting photos that were taken there," Bender said. "I have a hard time breathing there."

The most frequent calls the team gets are from those who believe that their house is haunted.

"We get two to three calls a month at least, with more calls around Halloween," Bender said.

When an investigation request is made, either by e-mail or phone, the group sends over group member to do a preliminary investigation.

"I ask the people questions, like 'have you done drugs recently?' I ask them if they had a history of bad mental health," Kinnersley said.

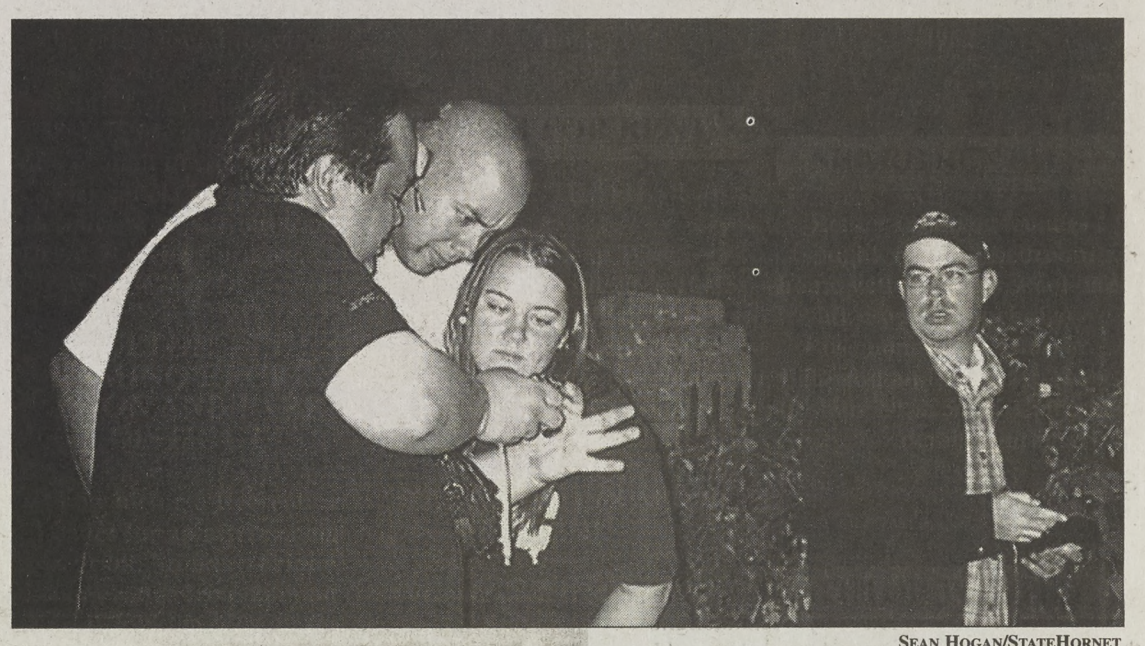
"We talk to the people to see who they are to begin with," Bender said. "We try to look at the rational explanations of the things that are happening and if we can eliminate the possibilities of why something occurring, we will do the investigation."

Once all other possibilities are ruled out the team meets an hour before the haunting to decide what equipment they will use and what their roles will be in the investigation.

"We do a walk through and get a feel for the place and decide where the hot spots are and setup our equipment there," Bender said.

The team's equipment arsenal is comprised of camcorders, 35 mm and digital cameras, monitors, electromagnetic field detectors which pick up changes in energy fields, non contact infrared thermometers which uses lasers to determine temperatures, flashlights covered in red cellophane, and voice recorders that are used to record EVP or Electric Voice Phenomenon – which is when voice recorder picks up voices and words that are heard at different frequencies.

"We also use our two psychics on occasions," Bender said. "We bring them in cold, we don't tell them about anything that we have learned about the place or the haunting."



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API team members, from left to right, Aaron, David, and Beckey gather around to investigate some odd paranormal readings, Oct. 8, 2005.

"That's one of the ways we make sure it's accurate," Bender said. "This works very well as far as what they notice."

Afterwards, the team reviews the information and decides if further work is needed, and they offer a blessing if needed, Bender said.

"When we do a cleansing, we are ridding the house of negative or bad energy. I use a Native American ceremony where I bless the home using some medicines that were passed down," Bender said. "They are burned and prayers are said to assist with the cleansing."

Bender said the group is very diverse with members coming from very different backgrounds bringing a unique style and interest to the group; there is an EMT, a financial advisor for Franklin Templeton, a marriage counselor intern, a social worker, and an ex-profiler for the Santa Clara Police Department.

"We all came without a background as far as the paranormal goes, but an interest in it," Bender said with smile.

In dealing with the paranormal on a regular basis, one would think the group members to be too serious about their research, but this isn't always the case.

During one outing the team was wearing watches that members could communicate with, and while one member was investigating alone in a dark room, Bender and Berry were in another.

Berry then whispered "get out" into the microphone, which she heard and quickly hurried outside in terror, screaming for everybody to get out of the house as well.

Berry and Bender later told her it was just a joke.

"We have fun and when the tension gets too thick, we try to lighten it up and laugh," Bender said.

If you know of a haunting or are just interested in the team, visit the group's Web site at www.ap-investigations.com.

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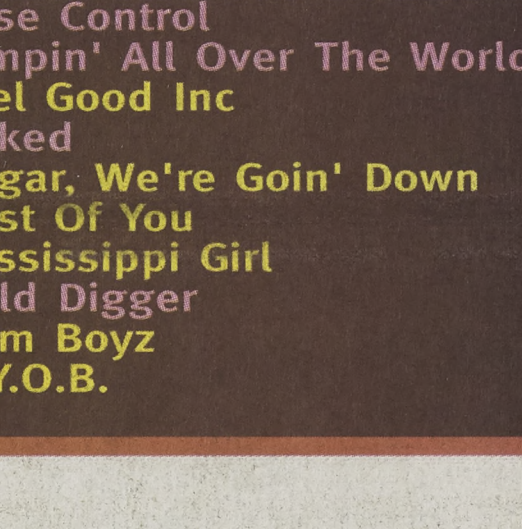
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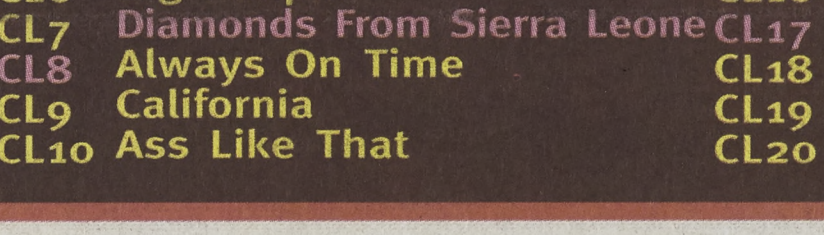
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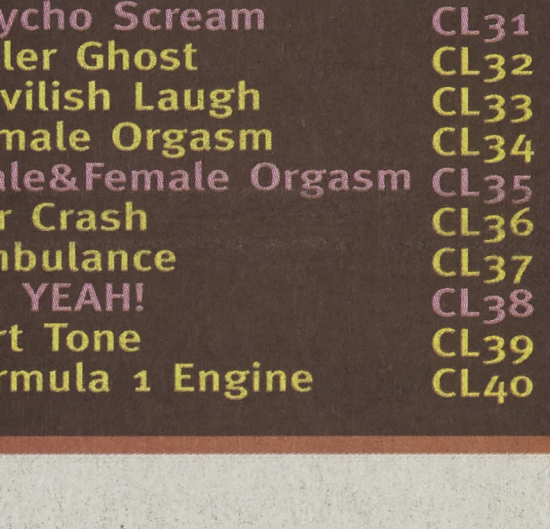
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